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## Torres reaches out to DC movers

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**G**ov. Ralph DLG Torres has reached out to a number of individuals and groups in Washington, D.C., putting labor, immigration concerns, and other CNMI issues front and center of his outreach efforts.

Torres attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump and co-hosted a 58th Presidential Inauguration Gala, a day before the swearing

in of the former reality show star as the 45th commander-in-chief of the United States.

The Asian American and Pacific



Torres

Islanders advisory committee hosted the gala, with Torres being a co-chair with Gov. Eddie B. Calvo of Guam. The committee was part of the GOP's campaign group where

they pushed AAPI's concerns and how to address them.

Torres said his trip to D.C. was fruitful, having reached out to congressional leaders and the National

Governors Association where he and Calvo are also members. NGA consists of the governors of all 50 states

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## SCC president lauds moves to train US workers

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Velma Palacios praised the efforts that are being done by educational institutions in preparing students and other U.S eligible

workers to somehow mitigate the labor shortage being experienced under the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker Nonimmigrant visa program or CWI.

Palacios cited the likes of Latte Training Academy, the Northern Marianas College, the Northern

Marianas Trades Institute, and the Public School System in educating students to address the human resources' needs.

Latte, in partnership with the Public School System, trains students on the various aspects of the

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## MHS students to represent Pacific at RWDC

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A group of five Marianas High School students are off to represent the Pacific region in a nationwide contest after beating schools from all over the CNMI and Guam.

The five students, who call their group the CNMI Aeronautics, would be representing the Pacific in Washington, D.C., at the 2017 Real World Design Challenge Competition championship, or RWDC.

This is the sixth consecutive time the CNMI has represented the Pacific region in the RWDC championship.

The new group is a mix of MHS

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ERWIN ENCINARES

Yvonne Pangelinan, the Public School System Commissioner for Student Support Services, shares a few words with the CNMI Aeronautics team, which would represent the Pacific at the 2017 Real World Challenge Competition championship. They are joined in this photo by Real World Challenge Competition CNMI coordinator and CNMI Aeronautics team coach Jean-nifer Cubangbang and Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera.

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## Local

# Atkins Kroll unveils customized Tacoma

Atkins Kroll Saipan did its big reveal last Saturday when it pulled the covers off a customized 2017 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road designed by Tribe Marianas and built by Taga Customs.

More than 100 people attended the unveiling at the AK showroom last Saturday.

Part of its Tacoma Spirit Sales Event, the unveiling was meant to show Tacoma lovers the customization possibilities of the truck, according to Atkins Kroll Saipan general manager Doug Brennan.

"It's a tribute to the Tacoma truck, which is the most popular truck on the island. We want to highlight it and show people what they can do with it. We want to recognize the people who customize their trucks," he said.

Taga Customs' J.J. Cabrera said it took him two days to customize the truck. In all, Cabrera said the amount of customization he did costs as much as \$7,000 and included a lift kit and souping it up with new tires, wheels, sidesteps, bulbar, and roof rack.

"Tacoma is one of the most



MARK RABAGO

The 2017 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road customized by Taga Customs and Tribe Mariana was unveiled last Saturday at the jam-packed Atkins Kroll Saipan showroom in San Jose.

creative director Rob Travilla said their inspiration is the new pattern his T-shirt company designed in 2016, which is Marianas camouflage.

"So within the camouflage you can find all the 15 islands of the Marianas imbedded inside. I wanted to make it rugged because Toyota wanted to push that Saipan Tacoma territory slogan. Something that can take you anywhere like to the beach or to the mountains."

For his part, Tribe Marianas co-owner and general manager T.J. DLC Manglona said it was truly an honor to work with Atkins Kroll on the customized 2017 Tacoma.

"We're really glad and honored to do this. Starting out we had a list of companies we wanted to collaborate with and Toyota/Atkins Kroll was on the top of that list," he said.

Brennan also extended his gratitude to Taga Customs and Tribe Marianas for doing such an excellent job.

"Taga Customs did a good job in building and Tribe Marianas did a good job in the design," he said.

One of the attendees of the event was American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh. He wished he could've \$52,000 just lying around so he can drive home the customized 2017 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road. (Mark Rabago)

popular trucks to customize because of the accessibility of after-market parts," he said

Cabrera said the customized Tacoma doesn't just represent

the CNMI but the entire Marianas, including Guam. It's also inclusive of all races who call the Marianas home.

Tribe Marianas co-owner/

## Tropical Gardens: IPI nearly caused bankruptcy

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Tropical Gardens Inc. sued Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC yesterday, saying the company nearly caused it to go bankrupt for refusing to pay for plant materials at its Imperial Pacific Resort Hotel, which is being built in Garapan.

Tropical Gardens, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, is suing Imperial Pacific, which does business as Best Sunshine International, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, and unjust enrichment.

Guidotti asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Imperial Pacific and co-defendants liable to pay the company enough to pay for lost profits and out-of-pocket expenses.

The company is also demanding payment for its out-of-pocket expenses in caring for Imperial Pacific's phoenix palms.

According to the complaint, Imperial Pacific contracted Worldwide Asia Engineering Limited, a Hong Kong cor-

poration, to develop the landscaping plan, procure plants for the landscaping, and manage the installation of plants for the hotel.

Guidotti said that in early 2016, at Imperial Pacific's instruction, Worldwide Asia initiated a solicitation of bids for the procurement of plants and installation of those plants at the hotel.

In June 2016, Tropical Gardens responded to Imperial Pacific's solicitation, with a quotation for \$1.3 million plus a schedule of costs for supply of plant material to the hotel, and \$640,550 plus an action plan to install plant materials.

Guidotti said that, in June 2016, Worldwide Asia informed Tropical Gardens that Imperial Pacific accepted Tropical's bids for the supply and installation solicitations.

At the end of June 2016, Tropical Gardens signed a purchase order provided by Imperial Pacific in the amount of \$1,317,612, the total amount that Tropical Gardens provided in its bid for the supply contract.

Guidotti said according to the purchase order, Imperial Pacific was to pay 50 percent

of the supply contract price to Tropical Gardens.

The lawyer said in accordance with the supply purchase order, Tropical Gardens submitted an invoice to Imperial Pacific in which Tropical Gardens requested payment of \$658,806, the initial deposit required under the supply purchase order.


Guidotti said during July 2016, Tropical Gardens began propagating and procuring plant materials for the hotel.

Guidotti said that, in mid-July 2016, Imperial Pacific paid \$329,403 or 25 percent of the amount due to Tropical Gardens under the supply purchase order.

During the course of performing under the supply purchase order and the installation bid, Tropical Gardens spent sums of money in excess of the \$329,403 partial payment that Imperial Pacific delivered to Tropical Gardens in mid-July 2016.


Guidotti said that in early November 2016 because Tropical Gardens had nearly exhausted its cash reserves, it submitted an invoice for \$236,522 to Imperial Pacific.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

#### CUC-RFP-17-016

### FEASIBILITY STUDY OF WATER SUPPLY ALTERNATIVES FOR THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for professional services to prepare a comparative feasibility assessment of water supply treatment alternatives, including desalination (RO and thermal/evaporative). The assessment will compare, at a minimum, location, type, size, cost, and funding options for each alternative to implement, construct and operate.

The scope of work and solicitation package will be emailed upon request, by the CUC Procurement and Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement and Supply Division.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Conference Room No. 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building on **February 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. A teleconference number will be provided to interested off-island participants to call in and attend.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-17-016 - Feasibility Study of Water Supply Alternatives for the Island of Saipan" to the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P. O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **March 02, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competitive Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information of understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award of a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This bid and the ensuring contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent, awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI business license in compliance with the licensing laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of the contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. Proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on February 17, 2017**, to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address at [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to William Gilmore, CUC Deputy Executive Director via email address [william.gilmore@cucgov.org](mailto:william.gilmore@cucgov.org) and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant, via email address at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Acting Executive Director

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Purchasing Administrator

# '14,500 to 17,500 humans are trafficked to US'

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The third largest criminal activity in the world, human trafficking, result in an estimated 14,500 to 17,500 people who are trafficked into the United States each year. Most of them are women and children.

These numbers, grim as they may be, were taken from the national slavery and human trafficking prevention proclamation yesterday.

In talking about the subject yesterday, even Gov. Ralph DLG Torres acknowledged that human trafficking occurs here and in the United States.

"It does happen here," said Torres.

"I want to raise awareness in our community that behavior such as [human trafficking and slavery] by perpetrators, employers, or whatnot, is not

to be tolerated. [We must become one] as a community and report it. If anyone comes to you and issues their concern, I want all the organizations to take their time and help that individual because if we do not help each other then we are accepting this kind of behavior in the community, and that is not acceptable," said Torres.

To stress this point, Torres declared January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month.

Alica Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, said law enforcement agencies such as the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the Division of Youth Services, or the Department of Public Safety need all the help they can get to track down and pinpoint human traffickers.

"One of the primary reasons

we have this kind of public events and public outreaches is to make the public understand that law enforcement cannot do this job alone. It takes the [efforts of] the entire community," said Limtiaco.

"When we see a red flag that causes you to be concerned, we ask that people call in and report to law enforcement and nonprofit service providers," she added.

According to the proclamation, the U.S. is considered one of the top destinations for victims of child trafficking and exploitation, with cases of

human trafficking reported in all 50 states and territories.

According to the proclamation, anyone can be trafficked, regardless of race, class, education, gender, age, or citizenship, when forcefully coerced or enticed by false promises.

Human traffickers earn billions of dollars by forcing millions of people to perform sex acts or provide labor or services against their will in exchange for empty promises. Traffickers utilize violence, threats, deception, debt bondage, and other tactics to keep victims from escaping.

The U.S. Department of Labor has identified 139 goods from 75 countries made by forced and child labor.

In 2015, one of five endangered runaways that were reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children were likely sex trafficking victims.

The NMI Human Trafficking Intervention Coalition continues to work with federal, local, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations and consulates to raise awareness, engage in public education, provide outreach,

and investigate violators.

The NMI HTIC is part of a larger group called the Pacific Regional Response to Combat Human Trafficking, which also includes the U.S. Attorney's Office, federal and local partners, and the Guam Human Trafficking Task Force to bring together the participation, coordination, and collaboration of various organizations to prevent human trafficking.

For additional info or to report suspected human trafficking, contact Karidat, DPS, or DFEMS at 234-6981, 433-9222.

## RMI gets \$31.5M in Compact funds

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has released to the Marshall Islands government's Ministry of Finance Compact payments totaling \$31,503,897 for the period Oct. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016.

These payments include the RMI trust fund payment for fiscal year 2017, first quarter Kwajalein landowners payments, Compact sector grants, a 2016 supplemental education grant, the Kwajalein environmental impact grant, and the Enewetak food & agriculture program grants.

"The U.S. and the Marshall Islands have a unique relationship that has been mutually beneficial for our respective people," said acting assistant secretary Nik Pula. "As we in the U.S. transition to a new administration, we will look forward to continuing our work and making improvements as needed."

Compact grants provided by the United States to the Marshall Islands are allocated by the bilateral Joint Economic Management Finance and Accountability Committee composed of members from both the United States and the Marshall Islands governments as established under the Compact of Free Association. The JEMFAC promotes the effective use of funding under the Compact, and provides the opportunity for RMI and U.S. officials to discuss priorities as pertains to this funding and how best to achieve them.

At the August 2016 annual meeting in Honolulu, the JEMFAC members:

■ Reaffirmed a mutual commitment to peace, prosperity, and shared democratic values.

■ Recognized the importance of the enduring relationship between our two

countries, welcomed the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Compact relationship, and highlighted areas for continued cooperation to advance shared goals.

■ Reaffirmed that the goal of funding provided under the Compact, as amended, is for the benefit of the people of the RMI.

■ Recognized the challenges faced by the RMI government in developing the capacity of the Finance Ministry, the need to resolve questioned costs, and proposed coordination with other donors to address these issues.

■ Reaffirmed the importance of sustainable and inclusive economic development through improved education standards and access to primary healthcare.

■ Recognized the need to continue to develop clear, simple, measurable and verifiable performance indicators in health and education.

■ Recognized the importance of climate change adaptation and resilience to continued economic advancement in the RMI.

■ Endorsed the RMI's continued commitment to budgetary self-reliance through voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

■ Welcomed a representative from the U.S. Government Accountability Office who emphasized the critical need for reliable data to verify effectiveness of funds spent, measure progress, and target areas for improvement.

■ Welcomed presentations from *We Are Oceania Micronesian One Stop Shop* in Honolulu and the *Guam Micronesian Resource Center One Stop Shop* on efforts to assist citizens of the Freely Associated States in Hawaii and Guam. (PR)

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## MHS

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juniors and seniors: Ann Norcio, Daniel Villarmero, Ian Cataluna, Chenoa Bunts, and Melody Yang. They said they are a separate team from the MHS Aeronautical Dolphins, which has also won several RWDC nationals.

Norcio, the project manager and design engineer of the group, shared with *Saipan Tribune* that their RWDC project is focused on CNMI farmers.

"We made the project CNMI or indigenous. We

looked first for the problems that the CNMI farmers are facing and crops grown in the CNMI. We also put the problem on a large scale. Crops here are not as large as those in the U.S., so we made it fit both scenarios," explained Norcio.

The RWDC's challenge for this year is to construct an unmanned aircraft, or a drone, that has multiple functions. Three missions were to be carried out by the drone, each with their own specific requirements.

The survey mission required the drone to stay in the air for at least 30 minutes, the logistics mission required the drone

to be able to hold something weighing at least 8 lbs, and the dash mission required the drone to hold something that is at least 2 lbs and fly across a 1.5-mile field with the shortest amount of time possible.

The missions would be designed by the contestants, and are valid as long as the specific requirements for each mission are met.

"We had to choose two crops indigenous to Saipan. We chose taro, which we grow a lot here, and breadfruit [as payloads for the drone]," said Cataluna, who is the mathematician and mission planner for

the group. "We are facing a world food crisis right now and the breadfruit is known for its carbohydrates. The breadfruit is known as the crop that would feed the world," he added.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera is understandably proud of the students.

"A lot of this is a combination of both hard work and teamwork and they were willing to do that. I am just so proud of them," she said.

Jeaniffer Cubangbang CNMI RWDC coordinator and Aeronautics coach, shared the same sentiments and gave the students all the credit.



ERWIN ENCINARES

The CNMI Aeronautics team poses for a group photo with Associate Commissioner for Student Support Services Yvonne Pangelinan, second from left, Marianas High School principal Cherlyn Cabrera, second from right, and Real World Challenge Competition CNMI coordinator and CNMI Aeronautics team coach Jeannifer Cubangbang, far right.

## SCC

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hospitality program. Once they successfully complete the training, the students get certificates from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute. NMC and NMTI have also done their share.

"We applaud your efforts in providing training and education to our students and community to address our human resources requirements. Latte and PSS have graduated over 700 high school students since the program started three years ago," said Palacios.

"NMC has conferred degrees to over 300 students and NMTI has provided much needed training to our residents in the culinary and hospitality trades. Some of these graduates have entered our workforce and are working for you all."

"We all know that it will take time to provide the human resources required in sustaining our economy; however, we are making progress on our end," she added.

Palacios also praised the Commonwealth Development Authority's decision to revive the Junior Achievement program in schools. "Teaching the principles of entrepreneurship to our students is essential to inspire them to dream big and to work hard toward their goals. The JA program

gives them tools and resources to help each participant to be successful," said Palacios.

Palacios and eight other board members were sworn in by Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho in last Saturday's installation dinner at Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall. The event also served as the awarding of SCC's Business Person of the Year with Triple J Saipan's vice president for finance and administration Michael S. Sablan receiving the honor.

Ron Smith of Angil Design (vice president), Docomo Pacific's Kevin McCale (secretary), Deloitte & Touche's Michael Johnson (treasurer), and directors Perry Inos Jr. (Triple J Saipan), Donna Krum (Friends First Marketing), Tyrell Pauling (Hyatt Regency Saipan), Alex Sablan (Century Insurance), and Alex K. Youn (AC Pacific) are the other members of the SCC board.

## Ongoing issue

Palacios said the CNMI's economy continues to grow as shown by new airlines offering non-stop flights to Saipan, an increase in tourism numbers, the construction of new hotels and buildings, and opening of other business establishments and restaurant franchises. However, workforce issues continue to hound the CNMI.

"We face challenges in our

workforce. Our CW-1 cap was reached for fiscal year 2016 and 2017. Many businesses were affected and the situation severely impacted their operations. However, that did not stop us from trying to find alternatives to help us through these challenges as we worked with our government leaders to address our CW-1 program."

"We will continue to support the efforts of Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres and [Delegate] Gregorio Sablan in addressing our CW-1 program. We are in strong support of Sablan's House Resolution 339 that would provide short term relief to our CW-1 program," added Palacios.

She said HR 339, if it becomes a law, would also give the business community its much-needed labor resources to support operations and the

growing economy.

"At the same time, HR 339 would provide additional funds for job training and education programs for qualified and skilled U.S. workers in the CNMI."

Palacios added the Chamber also supports Torres' recommendations on the 902 report that aims to address the CNMI's long term labor requirements. "We all need to work together to move this forward."

"Our increased communication with [the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands] and [the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter] has provided a unified front on these issues that have greater impact. A sufficient workforce capacity is required to sustain the CNMI's growing economy."

and other debts that the company cannot pay.

Guidotti said on and after July 17, 2016, Tropical Gardens expended substantial sums of money unloading the 50 phoenix palms from shipping containers, transporting the palms to a temporary storage site, and caring for the palms from July 2016 through the present.

To date, the lawyer said, Imperial Pacific has not repaid Tropical Gardens for any sums that Tropical expended for those services for phoenix palms.

"We are just celebrating their success and [we] just want to share the awesome and tremendous success that they had. They are really just bright students and they are just very smart. I didn't do anything, I just opened my classroom to them and listened to them; the glory goes all to them. They go to local establishments and try to get together to finish their submission to the competition."

sion to the competition."

The group would be showcasing their winning design for the region this March at the 2017 CNMI islandwide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair this March. The group is set to compete in the RWDC national championship representing the Pacific region in Washington, D.C. as a CNMI state team this April.

## TORRES

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and the five territories: American Samoa, the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"We've done a lot of reaching out to key people. We've met with some [U.S.] representatives and senators where we informed them of a lot of issues affecting the CNMI like the [CNMI-Only Transitional Nonimmigrant Visa waiver program]," said Torres.

"This is a new administration, new leadership. A new start, so I'll be putting a lot of effort on our issues. We're going to be more aggressive in reaching out to them and press on with our issues."

Torres also met with several GOP governors to inform them of the CNMI's labor and immigration problems. "I have also invited [NGA] members and congressional leaders to come [to the CNMI] to learn more about our situation. We look forward to them coming here."

Torres said NGA members could help the CNMI where they could reach out to their representative or senator. He also attended the Spanish Caucus meeting where he also aired the CNMI's concerns.

"We're working hard, especially now that it's a new administration. Everything is moving fast now and we just want to make sure our concerns are heard."

Torres said opening a CNMI office in D.C. is one way of showing that the concerns that they are raising would have a big impact on the Commonwealth, especially its economy. The CNMI Washington bureau would be different from the CNMI Delegate's Office, currently occupied by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who is a non-voting member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The D.C. office will make sure that our issues are heard. We don't know yet how we're going to work on it since the [D.C. office] is still on its planning stage. But we're really looking to open an office in D.C. We will have a government office to assist in doing more to reach out, so our issues here in the CNMI would be known."

## Workforce, immigration issues

Torres said he would accept any temporary solution to the CW issue after the numerical limit for fiscal year 2017 was breached. A bill by Sablan, House Resolution 339, was voted on in the House of Representatives on Monday. Results of the vote were not yet available as of press time.

"I think we would like to see more but if 15,000 [worker slots] is the only thing that we could have, we're definitely going to take it. I'm all for it. I know that we're going to need more workers. And the more we have [workers] the better we are economically. We're going to make sure no one is going to be displaced," said Torres, who added that developers are trying to finish their projects.

Torres is also concerned over China's visa waiver program as tensions continue between the Asian giant and the U.S. "The future of the visa waiver program is also our concern. We're worried anytime that's on the table."

He said that putting forward the CNMI's concerns on the visa waiver is a big concern since China composes 30 to 40 percent of the Commonwealth's tourism market. He added that it would be better to raise the concerns now before the federal government makes its decisions.

"Once decisions are made, it will be too late for us to voice our concerns on the table. It would affect the casino resort project. All of us are working to have our CW extension, increase the numerical cap, and at the same time, work on our China and Russia visa waivers."

He remains optimistic with the 902 report after it was submitted to congressional leaders early this month. "The report is now being reviewed. It is really important that the issues be addressed. The report is a document that we worked really hard on."

"It is not just a document that the President signed, 'so please look at it because it is serious.' It is a document that we worked on based on our relationship [with the U.S.]. We hope to move forward with it since it is our obligation to reach out and let them know that this is important."

## TROPICAL

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Guidotti said Imperial Pacific refused to make the partial payments that Tropical Gardens requested.

As a result of non-payment, Tropical Gardens allegedly released more than half of its workers a few days before 2016 Christmas, used all of its cash reserves, halted its performance under the supply purchase order and the installation bid, and incurred taxes

# 14th Municipal Council outlines agenda for the year

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The 14th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council held its first session yesterday at the Memorial Kiusku, with council chair Luis John Castro excited to see several new matters brought to the table.

Among the topic of discussion was the creation of several committees that would work on projects that will touch on destination enhancement, embracing culture, and more.

Councilor Diego Kaipat, who is the council's vice chair, will head the Entombment of Ancestral Remains Commit-

tee, which will find an area to centralize a burial ground.

"Not only will this bring peace to our ancestors, but it can also be used to educate our younger generation and visitors about the past," Castro said.

Council chair Antonia Tudela would like to create a committee that will take charge of an indigenous medicinal plant community garden. The plan is to appropriate land where medicinal plants can be planted.

"This can benefit local healers and the community and can open avenues to investments in traditional healing,"



DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO

Fourteenth Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Luis John Castro calls to order the council's first regular meeting.

## Court awards worker \$235,214 more

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has awarded a foreign worker \$235,214 in attorneys' fees and costs for prevailing in her lawsuit against her former employers for failing to pay her wages.

In an order on Friday, Manglona awarded Yu Xuan, a Chinese national, \$199,227.50 in attorneys' fees, \$14,089.50 in other fees, and \$21,897.19 in costs, for a total of \$235,214.19.

Manglona earlier awarded Xuan \$132,677 in unpaid wages and in liquidated damages.

The judge found investor Yang Tack Hwang and his two companies—Joo Yeon Corp. and Se Young Corp.—liable to pay Xuan the unpaid wages, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, and costs.

Attorneys Mark Hanson, Bruce Berline, and Benjamin K. Petersburg, counsel for Xuan, demanded a total of \$199,227.50 in attorneys' fees.

Hanson, Berline, Petersburg also sought payment of \$15,974.50 in paralegal and staff services and \$21,897.19 in costs. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

said Castro.

Tudela would also be steering a committee that would take care of a conference that was supposed to take place last year on Pagan.

The Konferencian Dinania Islas Marianas was unable to take place last year due to infrastructure issues and the event coinciding with the Festival of the Pacific in Guam.

This year, Tudela will work with the Northern Island Mayor's Office in pursuing the conference.

Castro said this is an important event that not only will

highlight the beauty of the island of Pagan, but will also clarify the planned military buildup and strengthen the culture.

Castro himself will be active in the Charter Municipality Committee. The focal point will be to work a council building that has been a topic of past municipal councils.

"Collaboration is key in succeeding. We are working closely with the Department of Public Works, the delegations, and the House speaker on this project," Castro said.

He will also be working on a Village Identity Project that will

come up with a unique symbol for each village, not only from a destination enhancement standpoint, but to also bring pride to every village.

The Chalan Kanoa children's playground is still in discussion. The council is looking at the Memorial Ki-

osku's adjacent lot for the playground. "Right now, the only recreation they have here in Chalan Kanoa is the basketball court. If not there, the kids are just playing on the streets. This will be a good outlet for not only health issues, but also for safety," Castro said.

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OAG: Tarkong confuses meaning of ‘to grieve’ and ‘aggrieved’

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General asserts that Police Officer 3 Jason T. Tarkong’s lawsuit against the Department of Public Safety’s hiring practices merely arises from confusion in the meaning of the verb “to grieve” and the adjective “aggrieved.”

Assistant attorney general Tom Schweiger, who represents DPS, said that Tarkong seems to imply that any employee who grieves is aggrieved.

The definition of “ag-

grieved” is having suffered loss or injury, said Schweiger, citing Black’s Law Dictionary.

In this case, Tarkong does not allege any injury that he has suffered, said Schweiger. “While some employees who grieve are also in fact aggrieved employees, the plaintiff (Tarkong) is not one of them,” Schweiger said.

He said Tarkong merely “grieves the process” by which the position was filled.

Tarkong, a veteran of the CNMI’s police force, is suing DPS and the Civil Service Commission for alleged discrimination after he was not promoted

to sergeant. The CSC was later dismissed from the case.

Schweiger pointed out that the general rule does not apply for an employee who has not been injured, nor does it apply when there is another rule that specifically addresses the situation Tarkong complains of.

To allow Tarkong to expand his options under the general statute would allow any government employee to file a “grievance” against any government hire, even when the employee hadn’t applied for the position, Schweiger said.

“Such a reading of the law would, as a practical matter, make it virtually impossible for the government to fill an opening in an efficient or expedient manner,” he said.

Schweiger said Tarkong failed to contest his ranking on the eligibility test. Rather, he now attempts to argue that his wrongful inclusion on the

list gives him standing to file a grievance against the selection of another candidate.

Schweiger said Tarkong admits that he could have made a request of his rating within 10 days of his notification of the exam results, but he waited until he learned that he wasn’t chosen to file a grievance.

The regulations clearly prohibit a grievance based upon the fact that one wasn’t chosen for the position.

However, Schweiger said, the police officer argues that because he was improperly placed on the eligibility list, he can now complain about his non-selection.

“This argument flies in the face of reason,” Schweiger pointed out.

The lawyer said Tarkong may have alleged defects in the hiring process for the position but he has failed to allege that he suffered any harm.

He noted that Tarkong alleges that two applicants on the eligibility list did meet the requirement of having experience as police officers 3, yet they didn’t complain about the process.

Schweiger said the Civil Service Regulations and the Administrative Procedures Act are designed to redress harms suffered by an employee.

He said Tarkong is not such an employee as he has suffered no harm.

Schweiger said Tarkong has failed to make allegations against DPS sufficient to base a legal claim against them.

He said the Civil Service Commission’s director for personnel instructs DPS to interview each applicant on the list, select an applicant for the position, inform the applicants in writing of their non-selection, and submit the appropriate request for

personnel action. “DPS did as instructed,” he noted.

He said Tarkong’s allegations may have been sufficient to sustain a cause of action against CSC, but that point is moot since the claims against them have been dismissed.

Schweiger asked the court to deny Tarkong’s petition for judicial review and injunction.

In earlier pleadings, Tarkong stated he wants to pursue his lawsuit against DPS, asserting that “a grievance is about righting a wrong.”

Tarkong, through counsel Robert T. Torres, said DPS, despite admitting errors in the selection process, considers the nature of his grievance to be an appeal of his non-selection for a promotion and essentially seeks to dismiss his grievance.

Torres said DPS’ position demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of Tarkong’s grievance.



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Habitual offender guilty of stealing woman’s purse

A habitual offender was found guilty yesterday of stealing a woman’s purse as she was playing cards at her friend’s garage in Chalan Kanoa.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho noted that Peter Koichi Lemei’s own statement places him at the crime scene at the time the crime was happening and that two people witnessed the purse being grabbed and stolen

He noted that one of the witnesses is familiar with Lemei and identified him as the one who grabbed and stole the purse.

Lemei will be sentenced on Feb. 8, 2017.

After the trial, Lemei, 46, also known as Peter Lemei Koichi, was remanded back to the Department of Corrections.

The trial commenced on Aug. 16, 2016, was continued to Oct. 31, 2016, then to last Thursday, and ended yesterday.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas prosecuted the case. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark is Lemei’s counsel.

Barcinas called to the stand four witnesses, including the victim. Assistant public defender Clark called to the witness stand police detective Andrew Taimanao, who executed a search warrant on Lemei’s residence in Chalan Kanoa.

The victim testified that she saw the face of the person who took her purse. She stated she knows the defendant as she has been him in the past walking by with his dog and that he stays in the neighborhood.

The victim testified that the total value of the items in her purse was \$2,000. The government, however, only charged the defendant with theft with a value less than \$250, which carries a maximum sentence of one year imprisonment. The purse and its items were never recovered.

The victim’s friend testified that she was playing cards with the victim. She said when the dogs were fighting under

the table, she saw a person grab the purse but could not see the face.

Camacho ruled that the testimonies of the witnesses are credible, especially the victim.

Camacho said the victim saw Lemei’s face from about one foot away as he grabbed and stole her purse.

Camacho said the victim immediately identified Lemei when police officers transported the defendant back to the crime scene.

The judge said the victim also identified Lemei in the photo line-up.

Camacho said the testimonies of the victim’s friend and the police were credible and corroborate the victim’s testimony. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Scholarship Board of Directors is hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular board meeting on **Friday, February 3, 2017 at 10:00 am** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CNMI Scholarship Office Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

- I. Meeting Call to Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda**
- IV. Old Business**
  - a. Appeals
  - b. Bylaws
  - c. Proposed Regulations
  - d. Board Committees
  - e. New CSO Programs
  - f. Senate Bill 19-103 SD1
  - g. Senate Bill 19-109
- V. New Business**
  - a. FY '18 Budget Call
  - b. Distribution of NMC Awards
  - c. NMC Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
  - d. Strategic Plan
  - e. CNMI Brain Drain
- VI. Executive Session**
- VII. CSO Director Updates**
- VIII. Announcements & Next Meeting Date**
- IX. Adjournment of Meeting**

/s/ GERALYN C. DELA CRUZ, Chairwoman

**Public Participation Requirement**

**CNMI Public School System Special Education Program Early Intervention Program**

Pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Public Participation Requirements, the Public School System Special Education Program, and the Early Intervention Program are required to circulate for 60 days it's grant application for Special Education, and Early Intervention Funds and allow 30 days during that period for public comments from the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of youth with disabilities. Hard copies of the Special Education, and the Early Intervention Grant Applications are available from Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Office of Special Education Program, Capitol Hill House Bldg #1224, and Early Intervention Program, C\*DAC office in Garapan.

**For Special Education Program**  
**Public Circulation Period:** February 15, 2017 through April 15, 2017  
**Public Comment Period:** March 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017

**For Early Intervention Program**  
**Public Circulation Period:** February 1, 2017 through April 1, 2017  
**Public Comment Period:** February 6, 2017 through March 7, 2017

**You may also access the grant applications on the PSS Website:**  
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Comments may be submitted by fax to (670) 664-4846, hand delivered to the Special Education Program office located in Capitol Hill Bldg number 1224, or phone your comments in to:

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# Red Cross, Transpacific Group tie up for 2017 Walkathon

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross announced yesterday that the Transpacific Group of Companies will again be the premier sponsor for this year's Walkathon.

"We are grateful and pleased that the Coke-Subway-Foremost-Scoops-Glimpses group of companies will be supporting the Red Cross event," said John Hirsh, executive director of the NMI Chapter. "Trans-

pac has a long track record of helping our community, particularly with events focused on fitness."

This year's walkathon will take place on Saipan, Rota and Tinian on April 1.

In addition to the 10K the event will have a 5K and Head Start 2K course for the younger children.

A \$20 donation to the Red Cross provides entry to the walk, an event T-shirt and re-

freshments from Coca-Cola, Foremost and Subway.

The Red Cross Walkathon is the largest walking event in Micronesia with more than 2,500 participants. Prizes will be given out to schools with the

most number of walkers and those that raise the most funds. For more information about the 31st Annual Walkathon or how to volunteer, call the NMI Chapter at 234-3459. **(ARC)**

## ESFDB kicks off Catholic Schools Week

This year's theme for National Catholic Schools Week is "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service."

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, along with Mount Carmel School and Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development Center on Saipan and with the rest of the nation, will commemorate that experience with National Catholic Schools Week.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja has a slate of activities planned for Catholic Schools Week, which kicked off last Sunday, Jan. 29, with a Mass. The celebration will run through Saturday, Feb. 4.

Catholic education built on "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service" is the key attraction for parents looking for an alternative to public school education.

"Our school shares the same mission as any other Catholic schools. Our goal is to support the parents in their children's education. We want to assist them in any way we can. We are about reinforcing our faith and good moral character, and building virtues," said administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig. "The biggest benefit we are able to offer our students is the individual attention. Every day we get to practice our faith and the children can have God in their life."

Atalig thinks the theme for 2017 is great because it is a focused on Catholic schools and the community.

"We are more community-oriented here in Rota," Atalig said. "It is what we are about."

"I believe Catholic education is successful because we

get to bring God into every class subject," student council president Jeremy John Atalig, II said. "ESFDB focuses on the student's soul and their personal relation with Jesus as well as their intellect."

Student council vice president Marvin Clitar said, "Catholic education is important. Parents sacrifice a great deal to send their children to Catholic schools and so we encourage them through our prayers and support."

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja has prepared a full week of events that are aligned with Catholic Schools Week theme for each week.

■ Sunday, Jan. 29: "In Our Parish"

- Mass at San Isidro Church at 8:30am, roadside waving.

■ Monday, Jan. 30: "In Our Community"

—Student will be serenading at the Man'Amko Center and homebound. Students will pick up trash at various designated locations;

■ Tuesday, Jan. 31: "Celebrating Our Students"

- Recognizing student academic achievements and the benefits of a Catholic education. Student's academic and religious competition;

■ Wednesday, Feb. 1: "Celebrating the Nation"

- Elected leaders to talk about the value of Catholic education and contributions in their role in preparing students to be good citizens;

■ Thursday, Feb. 2: "Celebrating Vocations"

- Priest or nuns to talk about vocations.

■ Friday, Feb. 3: "Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers"

"It is nice to take a week out and highlight what a Catholic school education has to offer.

...It comes at a perfect time as enrollment draws near," said STUCO and class adviser Edward C. Maratita Jr. "We need to show how Catholic schools produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment that is also rich in spiritual character and moral development."

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in America. It has been a yearly tradition since 1974. The administration and faculty would like to extend their appreciation to the parents, legal guardians, alumni's, alumni, volunteers, benefactors, and donors who had helped shaped Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja as one of the finest Catholic education institution in our beloved and faithful Luta community. **(Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja)**

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Chamber membership meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its regularly scheduled general membership meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's SandCastle. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am. The meeting will start promptly at noon. Guest speakers include Col. Michael Cardoza from the U.S. Air Force to update members on military plans and activities, and William J. Fife from the Micronesian Legal Services Corp., who will speak about their agency's role, as well as its struggles and successes. **(PR)**

#### Calling Tinian homestead applicants

Current Tinian homestead applicants interested in finding out the status of their homestead applications can contact Lisa Augon, DPL Tinian Office at (670) 433-9245 to book an appointment on Feb. 2 or 3, 2017. **(PR)**

#### Meeting of heirs

The heirs of Leonard "Nahdo" Muna Camacho and Maria Campos Camacho will have a meeting on Feb. 2, 2017, at 5:30pm at the Carolinian utt. All heirs of the following are invited: Ignacia Camacho Lifofoi, Soledad Camacho Cabrera, Francisca Camacho Torres, Consolacion Camacho Cabrera, Juan Campos Camacho, Gregorio Campos Camacho, Virginia Camacho Castro, Rufina Camacho Reyes, Antonia Camacho Sablan, and Angelina Camacho Anderson. For more information, call Daling Nanbina at 483-1304 or 323-2636. **(PR)**



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Fr. Sid Ogomuro and the administration, faculty, students, parents, and guests of San Francisco de Borja pose for a picture in celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

## Bill to establish GRT account

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REPORTER

Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao introduced last week a bill that would authorize, establish, and fund a casino gross revenue tax account and a CNMI retiree future generation pension plan. House Bill 20-28 would amend Public Law 18-56, which deals with fees and initial investment, and disposition of revenues and gross rev-

enue tax from the fees generated on the exclusive gaming license in operating a casino.

A lot of CNMI residents rely on their retirement pension for their everyday expenses as stated on HB 20-28. It is due to the settlement fund agreement that the retirees lost 25 percent of their pensions that gravely affected their livelihood.

Attao said PL 18-56 established an exclusive gaming li-

cense for casino operations on Saipan, with the funds collected from gaming license fees intended to address the retirement pension's reduction.

"Despite the enactment of PL 18-56, only a portion of the license fee was allocated for the payment of the 25 percent reduction in pension," wrote Attao on the bill.

"In addition, the Legislature is cognizant of the fact that the \$15,000,000 that is collected from the annual license fee collections falls short of what is

actually needed to address the pension reduction—an estimated \$17,000,000 annually."

Only a portion or \$10,000,000 of the annual license fee is dedicated to address the pension issue. The Legislature also found out in February last year that the retirees' pension again suffered a 25-percent cut because of shortage to fund the 25 percent payment.

"The government's remittance of its obligations (annual payment as per court order,

which the government tries to pay on a monthly or quarterly basis) to the Settlement Fund are not consistent," said Attao. "This inconsistency causes the [settlement fund] to tap into the funds available for retirees. The Legislature [also] finds the annual exclusive casino fee of \$15,000,000 is a lump sum payment that is readily available for investment into the Settlement Fund for the 25 percent pension payment."

The casino GRT account, established by the CNMI Fi-

nance Secretary, is separate from the general funds. The fund in the account is not subject to fiscal year limitation. The Finance secretary will keep the accounting system's record of the GRT funds.

The \$15,000,000 each fiscal year will be appropriated to the three senatorial districts—\$2,000,000 each for the First (Rota) and Second (Tinian and Aguiguan), and \$11,000,000 for the Third (Saipan and the Northern Islands).

# Around The Island



**GIVING BACK** IPI-CSR  
Representatives of the Corporate Social Responsibility team of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. and Kagman High School alumna Jia Kapileo and Maelyn Naputi were excited to give back to the school last week.



IPI-CSR  
Seedlings and fully grown plants are planted along the entrance and courtyard of Kagman High School.



IPI-CSR  
Members of the Corporate Social Responsibility team of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd. do waterblasting on the sidewalks and walkways of Kagman High School.



**ON TO THE NATIONALS** CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The CNMI Aeronautics team is composed of Gaeun “Melody” Yang, Ian Cataluna, Ann Margaret Norcio, Daniel Villarmero, and Chenoa Bunts-Anderson. The group celebrates lunch after hearing the great news that they will be competing and representing the Pacific this April in Washington, D.C., for the 2017 Real World Design Challenge Competition national championship.



**TWO CHEFS** MARK RABAGO  
Hyatt Regency Shanghai chef Tim Zhu poses with Hyatt Regency Saipan executive chef Gabriele Colombo last week after the landmark Garapan hotel held a food sampling event for its Chinese New Year buffet at the Kili Café & Terrace.

**AUDITING WORKSHOP**  
The parliamentary committee members of Samoa. The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions, in partnership with the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General of Samoa, held a two-day workshop on the “Financial oversight and external scrutiny roles of Samoa’s Legislative Committees” on January 19-20, 2017, at the Samoa Parliament Conference facility.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** ERWIN ENCINARES  
TripAdvisor head of Destination Marketing Asia and Pacific region Sarah Mathews shows the audience her Snapchat pictures while serving as the Marianas Tourism Education Council summit keynote speaker last week.



**NEW OFFICERS** MARK RABAGO  
The new officers of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter, led by president Esther Ada of DFS Saipan, is sworn in by founding member Frank Gibson during the group’s general membership meeting last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club’s Charley’s Cabaret.

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### Border wall won't just happen by presidential decree

**P**resident Donald Trump is now scrambling to honor the multiple campaign promises that he would execute on "day one" of his presidency. On day five, Trump signaled that action is afoot to build a border wall. Don't expect dirt to fly anytime soon.

Existing law and serious budgetary considerations stand, well, like a wall blocking Trump's path. Despite all his imperial pronouncements and confused interpretations of presidential powers, Trump has no authority on his own to make the border wall happen. He must work through Congress, and this process promises to be laborious.

Trump told ABC News on Wednesday that construction could begin "within months" and that American taxpayers would be "reimbursed" for the cost. He is dreaming.

The 1,900-mile border already has about 650 miles of porous fencing. The new Homeland Security secretary, John Kelly, has suggested the wall idea is simplistic. "A physical barrier will not do the job" of securing the border, he says, and a "layered defense" is required. That necessarily entails lots more money.

Experts say the barrier alone could exceed \$4 million per mile, depending on the terrain and materials used. Trump's own cost estimate is \$10 billion to \$12 billion. Other estimates put it closer to \$25 billion.

Even Trump's staunchest defenders in Congress are unlikely to approve an expenditure of that magnitude without extensive study and debate. And since Trump acknowledges up front that the precise revenue source to pay for the wall is still undetermined, skepticism on Capitol Hill will be fierce as Republicans try to honor their pledges to bring federal expenditures and debts under control.

Trump says Mexico will pay. That's flat-out delusional, and Mexico's president has said as much. Trump has suggested that an estimated \$27 billion in annual remittances sent to Mexico by people living in the United States could be used as payment. Such a move would be of dubious legality since it involves seizing private funds.

Banks and wire companies like Western Union would likely raise significant objections, especially if they're asked to police the immigration status of the person sending the remittance. Again, Congress would need to approve the seizures, and that's not happening anytime soon.

One proposal is to impose tariffs on Mexican goods. Unfortunately, the North American Free Trade Agreement stands in the way. Trump would have to abrogate the accord, and that cannot be done without congressional approval.

In addition, existing state and federal environmental laws regulate construction that interferes with animal habitats and the flow of water resources. Environmental

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### Trump's immigration crackdown is a clear message

**H**ave you noticed? There has been more outrage from the left over Trump's so-called Muslim ban, than over terror itself.

More gnashing of gums and loud wailing, more placards decrying the plight of a few tourists and travelers, than over the bodies blown apart by Islamic extremists at Brussels airport in March last year.

So much collective outrage, in fact, I wonder how on earth a ban imposed by 16 countries on Israeli citizens has remained in place for quite so long with such quiet acceptance.

Curious, isn't it? What liberals will and won't accept.

What is also strange that when I speak to Muslims and ask why they feel the need to flee persecution or seek refuge, I am told it is because Islam is suffering and is incredibly divided. Because the tensions between Sunni and Shia are simply overwhelming.

What stumps me is why non-Muslim countries are expected to welcome such a divided religion with open arms. And if we think about the problems facing Syrian, Iran, Somalia and Yemen and the rest in the context of the US president's inaugural address, why would America want to keep allowing such division to its shores?

Whether Muslims want to acknowledge it or not, extremists commit atrocities in the name of Allah. They do it according to and in observance of their interpretation of their faith.

What has led us to this latest executive order is not only Islamic extremists knifing, shooting, stabbing and exploding peaceful citizens in the West, but also the abject failure of the wider Muslim community to denounce these vile acts.

It is troubling to many that after each terrorist act there is largely silence from the families and communities that raised the terrorists and from the mosques that they frequented. Imams seldom condemn terror. And in their silence, in the void, acceptance, encouragement even, is assumed.

The typical response in Western Europe is a hashtag, a tea light and a leader, saying their people will not be cowed in the face of terror.

Except, they no longer speak for us. We are sick of their platitudes.

The response from the US president is far more reassuring: a ban on travelers from seven Muslim countries and a total ban on refugees and asylum seekers from Syria. Finally, a politician taking action.

Some have questioned why Saudi Arabia has been left off the list. They quote statistics: 15 of the terrorists involved in 9/11 came from Saudi Arabia.

When I ask if they would like Saudi added to the list of banned countries, they say no, appalled at the idea of a ban at all. At which point their argument dies on the spot. Doesn't matter if your country has terror or no terror, they don't agree with a ban. The Saudi argument is a distraction.

By **KATIE HOPKINS**

MailOnline

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They lamely argue for more stringent checks to sift out *jihadis*. I offer the attacks on Western Europe by Islamic extremists as proof that we are not sophisticated enough to work out who is a *jihadi* and who is not.

In fact, we have allowed those who travelled to Syria to fight for ISIS to return to our country.

And even when we do know who would wish to hurt our people, the *jihadis'* right to privacy and freedom trumps our right to safety or life.

In its wild lament, the left has missed the point entirely. Trump is sending out a message. His 90-day ban on seven Muslim countries is in place to achieve one thing and one thing only: Trump wants you to understand America has borders, and from now on it's going to protect them.

He is going to build a wall with Mexico. He is going to reinforce Homeland Security. He is pouring funds into the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement services.

And thanks to the outrage, the placard-waving protests, the Clinton News Network and the Biased Broadcasting Corporation, you all know about it.

So everyone is now clear. Perfect.

All those desperate to get into the country, to get back to work or to their brothers or sisters in America originally from Iran, their daughter who has dual U.S.-Yemeni nationality, or their American-Somali mother based in California—they now have 90 days to reflect.

To think about how lucky they are to have a home in the land of the free. How fortunate they are to live in a country where democracy works and laws are made by the will of the people, not religion.

Trump said, 'We only want to admit those who will support our country and love deeply our people.'

Think of it less as a Muslim ban, and more as an American invitation. If you support America and will put America first, you will be welcome.

If you cannot bring yourself to condone the actions of those who commit terror in the name of your god, probably best stay in what's left of your home.

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## Trump goes too far with immigration plans

This is the column I didn't want to write. Realistically, though, I knew I'd have to get to it eventually because all through the campaign season the current occupant of the White House talked about how he was going to "make Mexico pay for a wall," "ban Muslims," and "get rid of the illegals." Then, as it seemingly does on a fairly regular basis, Trump's brain went into autocorrect mode, and he changed it to "we'll send Mexico a bill," "we'll let the American Muslims stay," and "we'll get rid of the criminals and figure out the other part later."

Instead of writing this, I'd hoped I could keep complaining about those narcissistic, pussy-hat wearing ladies with their shrieking about leaking (Ashley Judd) and their yelling about shelling (Madonna) and their refusal to welcome pro-life sisters into the hormonal fold. I really wanted to keep talking about how offensive they were, especially when you consider that half of the population doesn't give a darn if tampons are taxed.

Alas, it was not to be. Donald Trump decided to go nuclear on immigration with some executive orders that I'm betting the conservatives who criticized Obama for his "imperial presidency" will embrace wholeheartedly. And so, the ladies and their little temper tantrum on the Mall have become irrelevant. I have more important things to worry about.

It's not at all surprising that the newly minted president would start throwing bones to the people who put him in office, and the biggest bone of all looks to be immigration. It was a big part of his campaign rhetoric (or, if you want, policy) and one of the biggest reasons Trump appealed to the "Make America Great Again" voter.

I get it. Believe me, I do.

This month marks 22 years that I've been legalizing foreigners so they could work, live, love and contribute to ... making America great again. Actually, I'd say they've been keeping America great for a very long time. I'm sure the first lady would agree with me on that.

But, you say, not every immigrant looks great in a powder blue Ralph Lauren dress and has killer legs. Not every immigrant came in legally and then worked illegally by posing for fashionable "art" shots. Not every immigrant is going to end up in the White House. Some, you would say, should end up in the Big House.

I agree. I'm not pretending that everyone who has come into the country, legally or not, has been an asset. There are very bad apples out there, and they need to be picked, crushed and tossed back to the toxic orchards from whence they originated. We have laws on the books for that already, even though they're not always implemented as effectively as we'd all like.

But it's not as if America has been holding up a welcome sign to the axe murderers, the drug dealers, the terrorists and the child abusers in the years preceding the Rise of The Donald. His accusations about us coddling criminals amounted to some of the hollowest rhetoric of his campaign, and most of us could see through it. I'd wager that even the people who voted for him as the lesser of two evils knew that the country was not filled with a particularly large amount of criminals with accents.

But demonizing the other is quite helpful, and there is nothing like an other who has very little leverage in society. So again, I wasn't surprised when President Trump decided to spend an entire day making good on his campaign promise to "Make America Safe Again" by issuing executive orders that

kick-started that wall, increased the number of Border Patrol, stripped federal funding from so-called sanctuary cities and, most troubling to me, severely limited the admission of refugees to the United States.

The whole idea of The Wall is existentially problematic. Reagan wanted Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall in the most iconic of his speeches. Clearly, there is a difference between a wall built to keep people in, as in Berlin, and a wall aimed to keep other people out, as with Mexico and Central America, but my inner crunchy humanitarian liberal midget has a problem with the imagery.

I also have a problem with the idea of taking money out of cities' pockets because they don't cooperate with the federal government, especially when they're not obligated to. "Sanctuary city" is one of those sly little terms. It's like "reproductive rights," hiding the true nature of the thing. Sanctuary cities do not "hide" illegal criminals. They simply will not do the federal government's job. You may disagree with that, but there is sound reasoning behind it: If undocumented aliens feel that they are under siege and will be deported if they report crimes to the local police, they will remain silent.

Silence equals more crimes. Remember the whole "don't snitch" movement? Here's how you say that in Spanish: "Calate!" In either language, it spells trouble. But if they want to take money away from the cities, go ahead. It's not like we're entitled to it, like Planned Parenthood (oh, wait ...).

I can't, however, live with the idea that we are going to make it harder for people in hellish situations to come to this country simply because we have a twisted and baseless idea that refugees are terrorists in victim's clothing. The statistics do not bear this out, and the vetting that refugees are already forced to undergo is harsher and more comprehensive than anything Trump, with his vast foreign policy experience, could imagine.

I'm livid about this particular executive wrinkle because I've spent the last few weeks in immigration court dealing with refugees. Some were Muslim, a group that appears to be the target of the president's ire, but most were from Central Amer-

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ica. One client witnessed her husband's assassination and was threatened she'd be killed if she testified against the shooter. She testified and then fled. Another was a young boy forced to be a drug mule by Salvadoran traffickers. Another was a Guatemalan woman who had been raped by a man who refused to take no for an answer and was raped again when the police laughed and called her a whore.

These are all refugees, President Trump. In another life, your first wife would have been one when the Communists ruled her country. In another life, your current wife would have been one for the same reason. Your second wife was an American, but we all make mistakes.

Seriously, though, I'm not against you. You won't find me marching with those people from Juntos and other organizations that traffic in hateful comments and personal attacks. I think that persuasion works better than agitprop (especially if you avoid the sexually suggestive knitted headgear).

So here is my attempt to persuade. President Trump, please listen to me. I'm not one of the crazies filling the streets to call you names. I think that the attacks on your son are horrific. And I understand that you speak for legions of Americans who are concerned about our national security.

But don't punish the refugees. And while you're at it, leave the Dreamers alone.

But if you want help getting Rosie, Madonna and Ashley deported, I'll work on that for you.

Pro bono.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The Eagles

I hadn't given much thought to this band from the 1970's until I saw a documentary about them on Netflix last fall. Turns out they are more interesting than I knew; and they were honored by President Obama last month at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

I recently re-listened to some of their hits, and came to the conclusion that—apart from a few great songs—the Eagles are over-rated. Compared to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, or the band Yes, the Eagles are lightweights. Their songs are mostly about girls, self-indulgence, or personal agendas. It would be easy to compare them to the Beach Boys, except that Brian Wilson's harmonies and chord structures are brilliantly unique and memorable.

*Hotel California* remains a fascinating song, because not only is the music good, the lyrics invite endless speculation about what the song means. Don Felder wrote the music, but he was marginalized by the Eagles, and was not invited to attend the Kennedy Center honors. This, to me, was a grave oversight, because Felder provided years of memorable guitar licks on so many songs, in addition to *Hotel California* (which the Eagles still perform).

*Take It To The Limit*—penned and sung by bassist Randy Meisner—is a good song but not a great one. The opening is wonderful, but its theme about evolving from youth into maturity never quiet gets there. Still, the fans love it.

Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young had a few duds also. *Almost Cut My Hair* and *Our House* are pleasant, but it was songs like Neil Young's *Ohio* and Graham Nash's *Chicago* in which political statements were forcefully made.

Steven Stills, a musical genius, penned some political songs when he and Young were part of Buffalo Springfield, a seminal band during the protest era. Stills' song *For What It's Worth* remains a classic and is still played today. If the title is unfamiliar to you, you may remember its opening: "There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear."

This song remains relevant today, especially with the violence in the streets perpetrated by millions of anti-Trump protesters: "Hey children, what's that sound?" By comparison, the Eagles sang about *Lyin' Eyes* and other feminine wiles.

In my view, Yes remains the most unsung band of...well, maybe ever. The four principals, Jon Anderson, Chris Squire, Bill Bruford and Rick Wakeman, were classically trained and each was a virtuoso. Together, the music they created was meticulous thunder. Their musicianship was light years beyond what other groups were doing, although the lyrics were often obscure and difficult to follow. Their songs were definitely not for AM radio, but for the more esoteric listener. Still, their music remains astonishing.

*Desperado* is a pretty good song, especially the way Linda Ronstadt sings it. The song contains one brilliant lyric: "Your prison is walking through this world all alone." Now that could make a great song all by itself; but then they screw it up with "You better let somebody love you before it's too late." Still, it was their first song, so credit is due.

When Joe Walsh joined the Eagles, he helped transform the Eagles into a kick-ass rock and roll band, and a classic song such as *Heartache Tonight* (which I believe was co-written with Bob Seger) was straight-out rock, and a great song to sing along with.

The Eagles were a great band, no way around it. Plus it's fun to sing along in the car when they play. The songs are not much of a challenge, but then rock and roll isn't supposed to be.

**Russ Mason**  
As Teo, Saipan

## BORDER






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treaties with Mexico, which also carry the force of law, must be reworked.

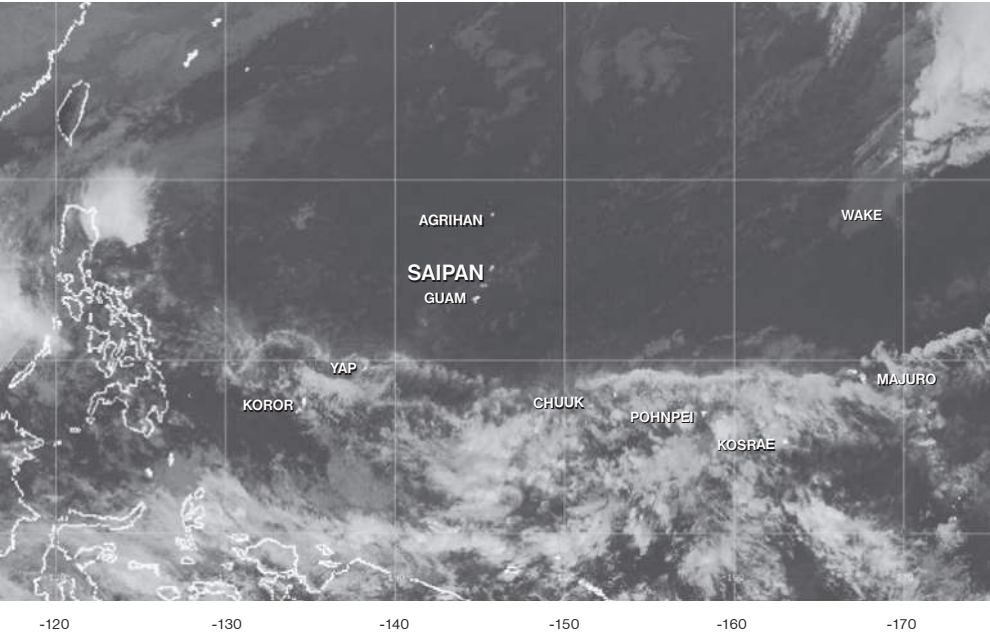
In Trump's mind, perhaps, border walls can materialize merely by presidential decree. But his neophyte administration will soon learn that democracy and the rule of law form their own layered defense against unchecked presidential power.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:50 AM, MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Forecast and reasoning remain relatively unchanged. The only minor adjustment is to bring mostly cloudy skies to the islands Thursday. Latest model guidance continues to show a weak circulation developing well south of Guam, Tuesday, moving slowly northwestward. The ECMWF takes the system toward Koror, while the GFS keeps it slightly farther north, between Yap and Koror. Either way, both models keep the increased showers associated with the system just south of Guam. Based on guidance, chose to increase cloud cover to mostly cloudy a day earlier, on Thursday. Most, if not all, of the associated showers will remain south of Guam, though scattered showers are a possibility if the circulation develops or moves a little farther north. Otherwise, the overall forecast remains unchanged.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	85° / 77°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	84° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲▼°F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	75° / 63°
Beijing	Sunny	37° / 16°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	73° / 61°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	74° / 65°
London	Showers	54° / 46°
Los Angeles	Sunny	75° / 50°
Manila	Thunderstorm	90° / 75°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	73° / 55°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	73° / 61°
New York	Snow Shower	38° / 33°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	48° / 36°
Paris	Showers	52° / 45°
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	46° / 25°
Rome	Sunny	57° / 48°
Salem	Sunny	69° / 45°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	38° / 17°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	30° / 10°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	50° / 34°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	52° / 38°



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:50 AM	LOW TIDE		-0.18
10:29 AM	HIGH TIDE		2.0
4:30 PM	LOW TIDE		0.85
9:38 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.82

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:46 AM	6:15 PM
Wednesday	6:46 AM	6:15 PM
Thursday	6:46 AM	6:16 PM
Friday	6:46 AM	6:16 PM
Saturday	6:45 AM	6:16 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	8:57 AM	9:09 PM	-
Wednesday	9:42 AM	10:04 PM	-
Thursday	10:27 AM	11:00 PM	-
Friday	11:13 AM	11:56 PM	-
Saturday	12:00 PM	-	-

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW308	3:05am	6:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:30pm	9:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)			
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:40am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:55am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	5:45am	7:45am	4, 7
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
UO43	1:40am	5:00am	1, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ628/723	3:50am	12:50pm	Daily via ICN
PR1572/318	5:45am	12:20pm	4, 7 via MNL
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
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ARRIVALS			
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UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
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OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

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OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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PR1571	10:25pm	4:45am+1	3, 6
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

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OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
PR307/1571	6:20pm	4:45am+1	3, 6 via MNL
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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# Ribbon cutting for NMC's aquaculture center



Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, fourth from left, is joined by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, House Speaker Ralph Demapan, acting Senate president Steven Mesngon, Board of Regents chair Michael Evangelista, regent Elaine Orilla (not shown in photograph), regent Zenie Mafnas, regent Michaela Sanchez, regent Irene Tudela Torres, and regent Juan Lizama in cutting the ceremonial ribbon, which formally opens the CREES Center for Aquaculture Development.

Northern Marianas College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new CREES Center for Aquaculture Development on Monday.

The facility aims to provide technical assistance to those interested in pursuing aquaculture projects and ventures and to build and expand the CNMI's aquaculture industry so that it can develop and become a major contributor to the local economy.

Members of the community are invited to tour the facility; to arrange a tour contact Michael Ogo at michael.ogo@marianas.edu. (NMC)



NMC CREES Aquaculture manager Mike Ogo holds a flask containing live microalgae that is used as feed for the rabbitfish.



Rep. John Paul Sablan, Rep. Lee Pan Guerrero, Sid Cabrera, and Rep. Joe Itibus tour the aquaculture facility after the ribbon cutting.



CREES Aquaculture manager Michael Ogo explains the different sections of the aquaculture facility to Rep. Donald Barcinas, Rep. Alice Igitol, and Speaker Ralph Demapan.



NMC CREES Aquaculture research assistant Petrus Faimau stands in front of rotifer culture cylinders. The rotifers are used to feed newly hatched rabbit fish larvae; the green color comes from the microalgae.



Joe Ayuyu received a plaque of appreciation from Northern Marianas College for donating temporary office space to NMC CREES when CREES offices were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015. The plaque was presented by BOR chair Mike Evangelista, CREES dean Dr. Tim Kock, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, and NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.



Dignitaries, including Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang and House and Senate members took a tour of the aquaculture facilities after the ribbon cutting.

# Business

## Starbucks to hire 10,000 refugees over next 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Starbucks says it will hire 10,000 refugees over the next five years, a response to President Donald Trump's indefinite suspension of Syrian refugees and temporary travel bans that apply to six other Muslim-majority nations.

Howard Schultz, the coffee retailer's chairman and CEO, said in a letter to employees Sunday that the hiring would apply to stores worldwide and the effort would start in the United States where the focus would be on hiring immigrants "who have served with U.S. troops as interpreters and support personnel."

Schultz, a supporter of Hillary Clinton during the presidential run, took aim at other parts of a Trump agenda focused on immigration, repealing former President Barack Obama's health care law and restructuring trade with Mexico. The letter said that Starbucks would help support coffee growers in Mexico, provide health insurance to eligible workers if the health care law is repealed and back an Obama-era immigration program that allows young im-



AP  
In this Dec. 7, 2016, file photo, Starbucks Chairman and CEO Howard Schultz speaks during the Starbucks 2016 Investor Day meeting in New York.

migrants who were brought to the country as children to apply for a two-year reprieve from deportation and a work permit.

The move reflects the increasing complexity that businesses face when dealing with the Trump administration. Trump has met with CEOs at Ford, General Motors and Boeing and asked them to create jobs in the United States, while touting each announcement about new factory jobs as a success even if those additions had been planned before his presidential victory.

But not all corporate leaders have embraced Trump. Schultz added that Starbucks would aim to communicate with workers more frequently, saying Sunday, "I am hearing the alarm you all are sounding that the civility and human rights we have all taken for granted for so long are under attack."

## Don't overstep authority in hiring decisions

**Q: My boss and I have had a disagreement about hiring a new staff member. When a position recently opened in my department, I suggested that we fill it by transferring a woman from another department. "Tracy" is a long-term employee who has a good work record.**

**Although my manager initially agreed, she changed her mind the next day and said she planned to advertise the position. She apparently interviewed Tracy once before and was not impressed. Both her boss and the human resources director are supporting her decision.**

**This has put Tracy in an awkward situation. After we discussed the job, she told her supervisor she was transferring, so now he's upset because he knows she wants to leave. Since my boss created this problem, I informed her that I still plan to interview Tracy if she applies for the position. Doesn't this seem like the**

**fair thing to do?**

**A:** Despite being understandably irritated by your manager's indecisiveness, you should not conduct a retaliatory interview. While adopting an oppositional attitude might make you feel better, it will not be beneficial for Tracy. So if helping her is your main concern, then you need to let this go.

Given your boss's reservations and her backing from upper management, the odds of Tracy being hired appear to be slim. If she actively applies for this job, her supervisor will be even more annoyed, and her career could suffer as a result. Therefore, if Tracy's application will inevitably be vetoed, interviewing her would hardly be fair.

Also, if you're being completely honest, you need to acknowledge your own contribution to Tracy's current predicament. Had you not jumped the gun and discussed the transfer with her prematurely, this whole fias-

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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co could have been avoided.

**Q: Five months ago, I quit my first job for what seemed like a better opportunity. Unfortunately, I soon discovered that my new company was an extremely unpleasant place to work, so I have begun looking for another position.**

**When interviewers ask why I want to leave after such a short time, I can tell they don't like my answer. How do I respond to this question without being dishonest?**

**A:** Interviewers logically assume that the best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Since they try not to hire anyone who might soon depart, your short tenure raises a big red flag. And if your explanation involves complaints about your employer, they may assume that you are

chronically dissatisfied.

To calm these fears, you need to focus on the positive aspects of this job change. So instead of criticizing your current company, explain what attracted you to the available position.

For example: "Although I've only been with my present employer for a short time, I wanted to learn more about this job because it sounds extremely interesting. It also appears to be a good match for my skills." Then describe the specific reasons why you reached this conclusion.

Emphasizing likes instead of dislikes is not "being dishonest." While misrepresenting your qualifications or abilities would be wrong, keeping negative feelings and opinions to yourself is simply smart.

## Uber CEO challenged for Trump connection after immigrant ban

WASHINGTON (AP)—Uber found itself in hot water on two fronts related to President Donald Trump's temporary ban on immigrants from seven Muslim-majority countries: for allegedly exploiting a taxi protest against the ban and for CEO Travis Kalanick's relationship with Trump.

Kalanick said in a Facebook post that the 90-day ban could hurt "thousands" of Uber drivers and he will raise his concerns directly with the president during a Friday business advisory group meeting in Washington. But the co-founder of the ride-sharing service is being criticized for agreeing to sit on the advisory panel. Twitter users are encouraging riders to #DeleteUber.

Kalanick defended his participation on Trump's panel in his Saturday Facebook post, saying he joined out of the "belief that by speaking up and engaging we can make a difference."

On Sunday, Kalanick said he was emailing Uber drivers telling them he would "urge the government to reinstate the right of U.S. residents to travel—whatever their country of origin—immediately."

Uber also was criticized for

charging less than it could at JFK Airport in New York City as taxi drivers had halted service for an hour on Saturday to protest the ban. The move was perceived of by some on social media as an effort to profit off the protests as more passengers would need to seek alternatives to cabs. But the company said on Twitter that it had not "meant to break the strike."

Trump's business advisory group was announced in December as a "strategic and policy forum" that would share its views on "how government policy impacts economic growth, job creation and productivity." Chaired by Stephen Schwarzman, CEO of the investment firm Blackstone, its listed members also include the heads of Disney, Wal-Mart, IBM and Tesla.

Immigration policy will likely be a dominant theme at the Friday meeting for the advisory group.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk asked his 6.9 million Twitter followers on Sunday to read Trump's order on the temporary ban and then send the entrepreneur "specific amendments" that the panel could present by consensus to the president.

# Nation

## White House defends immigration order in face of protests

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House on Sunday vigorously defended President Donald Trump's immigration restrictions, as protests against the order spread throughout the country. Some Republicans in Congress publicly opposed the changes amid legal challenges to the order banning travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries, though top congressional Republicans remain largely behind the new president.

In a background call with reporters, a senior administration official declared the order's implementation "a massive success story," claiming it had been done "seamlessly and with extraordinary professionalism."

But there was confusion at airports around the world, and late Sunday the administration appeared to walk-back how the order would apply to certain groups, like legal permanent U.S. residents.



Liz Glusman, from Washington, joins a crowd protesting in Lafayette Park near the White House during a demonstration to denounce President Donald Trump's executive order that bars citizens of seven predominantly Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, in Washington. AP

**BOSTON (AP)—Dozens of U.S. colleges are opposing President Donald Trump's sweeping travel ban that has left some students and professors stranded abroad.**

The presidents of several universities on Sunday issued scathing attacks of Trump's executive order halting immigration from seven Muslim-majority nations. Many said it's already disrupting research and academics for their scholars, while some suggested they would defy the ban as far as legally possible.

The Association of American Universities, which represents 62 schools, urged Trump to reverse the order and said it

will only steer top scholars to countries that compete with the United States.

Mitch Daniels, the president of Purdue University and a former Republican governor of Indiana, called the order "a bad idea, poorly implemented," and called on Trump to revoke it.

The ban, which blocks immigrants from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen, has been put on hold after federal judges in New York and Boston stepped in. But some students and scholars from those countries remain caught in legal limbo, stranded while traveling abroad or visiting home during the recent holiday break.

Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly issued a statement Sunday saying that, absent information indicating a serious threat to public safety and welfare, residency would be a "dispositive factor in our case-by-case determination." That means citizens of the seven countries who hold permanent U.S. "green cards" will be allowed to re-enter the U.S. Officials had previously said they would be barred from returning. It remains unclear what kind of additional screening they will now face.

Trump's order, which also suspends refugee admissions for 120 days and indefinitely bars the processing of refugees

from Syria, sparked widespread protests and denunciations from Democrats and a handful of Republicans. Many have accused the administration of rushing to implement the changes, resulting in panic and confusion at the nation's airports.

"You have an extreme vetting proposal that didn't get the vetting it should have had," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who urged the new president to "slow down" and work with lawmakers on how best to tighten screening for foreigners who enter the United States.

"In my view, we ought to all take a deep breath and come up with something that makes sense for our national security" and reflects the fact

that "America's always been a welcoming home for refugees and immigrants," he said.

Several Democrats in Congress said they would introduce legislation to stop the ban.

During a round of Sunday show interviews, Trump's aides stressed that just a small portion of travelers had been affected by the order and emphasized its temporary nature.

"I can't imagine too many people out there watching this right now think it's unreasonable to ask a few more questions from someone traveling in and out of Libya and Yemen before being let loose in the United States," Trump's chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said. "And that's all this is."

As of Sunday afternoon, one legal permanent resident had been denied entry to the country as a result of the order, according to a federal law enforcement official. The official was not permitted to discuss the order's impact publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway said the changes were "a small price to pay" to keep the nation safe.

But it's unclear whether the order will accomplish that. It does not address homegrown extremists already in America, a primary concern of federal law enforcement officials. And the list of countries in Trump's order doesn't include Saudi Arabia, where most of the Sept. 11 hijackers were from.

Priebus said that other countries could be added to the list. Trump spoke by phone Sunday with leaders from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Neither country is among the seven specified in Trump's order.

The president, meanwhile, defended his actions, insisting it was "not a Muslim ban, as the media is falsely reporting."

"This is not about religion - this is about terror and keeping our country safe," he said.

Trump also said he has "tremendous feeling" for the people fleeing the bloody civil war in Syria and vowed to "find ways to help all those who are suffering." The White House said later that King Salman of Saudi Arabia and Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the crown prince of Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, had both agreed to support safe zones for refugees, but offered no further details.

### Trump travel ban sows chaos at airports, outrage at protests

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump's immigration order sowed more chaos and outrage across the country Sunday, with travelers getting detained at airports, panicked families searching for relatives and protesters marching against the sweeping measure that was blocked by several federal courts.

Attorneys struggled to determine how many people had been affected so far by the rules, which Trump said Saturday were "working out very nicely."

But critics described widespread confusion and said an untold number of travelers were being held in legal limbo because of ill-defined procedures. Others were

released. Lawyers manned tables at New York's Kennedy Airport to help families whose loved ones had been detained, and some 150 Chicago-area lawyers showed up at O'Hare Airport after getting an email seeking legal assistance for travelers.

"We just simply don't know how many people there are and where they are," said Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project.

Advocates for travelers say the chaos is likely to continue. The executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, Marielena Hincapie, said "this is just the beginning."

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
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Donald Trump's surprise win in November lit a fire under Carolyn Clow, a county purchasing agent in Madison, Wisconsin. On Saturday, she attended her first in a series of classes on how to run for office.

"If we learn anything as a liberal community, I'd hope that it's time to stop thinking 'I'd like to do something,' and time to take that action," said Clow, 43, who is running for the village board in her town outside of Madison in the April election with the help of an organization that recruits Democratic women candidates.

"It's fun and exciting to march and it's boring to go down to village hall to vote, but we have to learn to do

both," she said.

Trump's election has sparked what liberal groups say is unprecedented activism. The most visible manifestation of that were protest marches the day after Trump's inaugural, which drew millions to Washington, D.C., and other locations across the country and overseas. Those were followed by demonstrations at airports and in cities this weekend against Trump's executive order prohibiting entry into the U.S. by people from seven countries and also limiting refugees.

Much of the discussion since the marches has revolved around how to turn that energy into an effective movement, especially through electoral politics. Democrats have been decimated in elections at the

state and local level during the past eight years, and have their best chance to stymie Trump if they can seize control of the House of Representatives in the 2018 elections.

The morning after the election, Ethan Todras-Whitehill embodied liberals' dilemma—in bright blue western Massachusetts no Republicans other than Trump were on the ballot to vote against. He began googling to find his nearest swing district and thought—why not create a tool to help others like him?

The day before Trump's inauguration, he and some friends debuted swingleft.org, which lets people find their nearest House swing district and register to help flip the House in 2018. Todras-Whitehill says 250,000 people have

already signed up.

There's been grumbling from some liberal activists that the effort wasn't coordinated with Democratic party officials who are already trying to flip the House. "We can't be waiting around for someone else to do something," Todras-Whitehill said. "Everyone needs to be standing up and doing something on their own."

That scattershot approach has taken hold everywhere. While the organizers of last weekend's Women's Marches haven't announced future demonstrations, there are already plans in the works for scientists to march in protest of Trump, for nationwide protests on April 15 demanding the president release his tax returns.

## Asia

## Duterte asks US not to store weapons in Philippine camps

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte asked the United States on Sunday not to store weapons in local camps under a defense pact, saying his country may get entangled if fighting erupts between China and the U.S.

Duterte said in a news conference that he would consider abrogating a 2014 defense pact that allows U.S. forces to temporarily station in designated Philippine camps if the Americans build weapon depots in those encampments.

"They're unloading arms in the Philippines now," Duterte said, identifying three areas where U.S. forces were supposedly bringing in their armaments, including the western Philippine province of Palawan, which faces the disputed South China Sea.

"I'm serving notice to the armed forces of the United States, do not do it, I will not allow it," Duterte said in the televised news conference after meeting top military and police officials.

U.S. officials did not immediately comment on Duterte's remarks.

The brash-talking Philippine leader, who took office in June, has been antagonistic to the administration of former President Barack Obama for raising concerns over Duterte's bloody crackdown



AP  
In this Jan. 6, 2017, file photo, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, center, watches as Russian navy officers show the weapons on board the Russian anti-submarine Navy vessel *Admiral Tributs* in Manila, Philippines.

that allow U.S. forces to visit.

The agreements include the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, which was signed by the treaty allies in 2014. But he has walked back many of those threats.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said Thursday that the Pentagon plans to start constructing facilities inside designated Philippine military camps as early as this year.

Lorenzana mentioned at least three Philippine camps where the Americans plan to start constructions of buildings for their troops and equipment, including an air base in Palawan province.

The U.S. military construction plans were delayed due to petitions to the Supreme Court that questioned EDCA's legality. The court declared that the defense pact conforms with the Philippine Constitution last year.

on illegal drugs which has left thousands of mostly suspected drug users and small-time dealers dead.

Duterte, who has moved to

rebuild once-frosty relations with China, has repeatedly threatened to scale back military exercises with American troops and stop agreements

## Australian leader says Trump agrees to accept refugees

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—President Donald Trump had agreed to keep an Obama administration promise to resettle refugees languishing in Pacific island camps despite the U.S. toughening its stance on Muslim immigration, the Australian prime minister said Monday.

Trump had agreed that during a 25-minute telephone conversation on Sunday to accept an unspecified number of refugees as promised in the final months of the previous administration, ending weeks of uncertainty, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said.

"I thank President Trump for his commitment to honor that existing agreement," Turnbull told reporters. He declined to say how many refugees might be resettled in the United States.

The Obama administration had agreed to resettle refugees among the almost 1,300 asylum seekers held on the island nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea. Another 370 who came to Australia for

medical treatment and then refused to return to the islands would also be eligible.

Most of the asylum seekers are Muslims from the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Australia refuses to resettle any refugee who has arrived by boat since the date the tough policy was announced on July 19, 2013, and pays Nauru and Papua New Guinea to house them and has been searching for countries that will resettle them.

Few refugees have accepted offers to resettle in Papua New Guinea and Cambodia because most hope that Australia will eventually take them in.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials have already begun screening asylum seekers on Nauru, and Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said Monday that the screening "could take some time."

Turnbull declined to comment on Trump's immigration order that effects travel to the United States for people from seven Muslim-majority coun-

tries. Turnbull said no Australian had sought consular assistance over the order, which has sowed chaos and outrage across the United States with travelers detained at airports and protesters demanding the order be changed.

"It's not my job, as prime minister of Australia, to run a commentary on the domestic policies of other countries," Turnbull said.

Any refugee who refuses to go to the United States would be given a 20-year visa to stay on Nauru, a tiny impoverished atoll with a population of 10,000 people.

The Refugee Council of Australia, an advocacy group, has welcomed the deal as a first step in ending the indefinite detention of asylum seekers on the islands. The London-based rights group Amnesty International has accused Australia of taking "an extreme step in shirking responsibility."

Turnbull has said the most vulnerable refugees would be given priority.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## Indonesia: US travel ban could hurt fight against terrorism

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, says President Donald Trump's ban on citizens of seven Muslim countries from entering the U.S. could hurt the global fight against terrorism. Foreign Ministry spokesman Armanatha Nasir said Monday that the policy is the sovereign right of the U.S. but Indonesia, which is not one of the directly affected countries, "deeply regrets" it and believes it will have a "negative impact on global efforts to fight terrorism" and the handling of refugees. "It is wrong to associate radicalism and terrorism with a particular religion," Nasir said in a statement. "Efforts to combat terrorism must be carried out by promoting international cooperation, including in addressing the root causes of terrorism." Trump on Friday signed an executive order placing a 90-day ban on travel to the U.S. by citizens of Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia or Yemen, and a 120-day suspension of the U.S. refugee program. Syrians are indefinitely blocked from entry.

## 22 rescued, Malaysia searches for 6 others from boat sinking

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—Malaysian authorities expanded the search Monday for six people, including five Chinese tourists, still missing two days after their boat sank off Borneo island. Twenty-two people were rescued, but three Chinese tourists died. Malaysia's Maritime Enforcement Agency said in a statement that the search area has been expanded by about four times to 1,500 square nautical miles of the South China Sea,

off Sabah state. It said Brunei has also deployed a plane to search in its waters. Government minister Shahidan Kassim was reported by the national Bernama news agency as saying that the 20 Chinese tourists rescued were weak, shivering and sunburnt but had sustained no serious injuries. The survivors were brought ashore late Sunday and hospitalized. Shahidan said rescuers were running out of time as one of the survivors had told authorities that one of the missing six had died.

## Gunman kills lawyer for Myanmar's ruling party at airport

**YANGON, Myanmar** (AP)—A gunman killed a legal adviser for Myanmar's ruling National League for Democracy on Sunday, shooting the lawyer in the head at close range as he walked out of the Yangon airport, the government said. The gunman was arrested after he killed Ko Ni, a prominent member of Myanmar's Muslim minority, and wounded a taxi driver who tried to stop him from fleeing, the Ministry of Information said in a video posted on state-run MRTV. Ko Ni was the Supreme Court advocate for the NLD and a longstanding legal adviser to the country's leader Aung San Suu Kyi. He had just arrived from a trip overseas. A friend of Ko Ni who witnessed the shooting said the suspected assassin also shot a taxi driver who tried to stop him from fleeing.

"As I stopped my car by the airport, that's where I saw Ko Ni's body lying on the walkway outside of the airport and I couldn't believe that just happened," said Thet Paing Soe, a friend and an NLD supporter. "Then as the shooter tried to run away, the police arrested him."

# World

## Canadian mosque president: 5 dead in Quebec City shooting

**MONTREAL (AP)**—Five people were killed in a shooting at a Quebec City mosque during evening prayers, the president of the center said Sunday. Authorities reported two arrests in what Quebec's premier and Canada's prime minister called an act of terrorism.

Quebec City Islamic Cultural Centre President Mohamed Yanguie reported the number of dead late Sunday in a telephone call from the provincial capital.

Yanguie said the shooting happened in the men's section of the mosque. He said five males had died and he worried that some were children. He said he wasn't at the center when the attack occurred, but he got some details from people on the scene.

He said an estimated 60 to 100 people would have been there at the time of the shooting. "We are sad for the families," he said.

Authorities did not confirm the number of fatalities. Both Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard characterized the at-



Police survey the scene after a deadly shooting at a mosque in Quebec City, Canada, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017. Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard termed the act "barbaric violence" and expressed solidarity with victims' families.

ing persecution, terror & war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength #WelcomeToCanada."

Trudeau also posted a picture of him greeting a Syrian child at Toronto's airport in late 2015. Trudeau oversaw the arrival of more than 39,000 Syrian refugees soon after he was elected.

Couillard termed the Sunday mosque attack as "barbaric violence" and expressed solidarity with the victims' families.

The mayor of Gatineau, Quebec, near Canada's capital of Ottawa, said there would be increased police presence at mosques around his city following the attack.

The New York Police Department said it was stepping up patrols at mosques and other hours of worships in its city.

The NYPD issued a statement Sunday night saying Critical Response Command personnel had been "assigned to extended tour coverage" at certain mosques.

## Hard work starts now for France's Socialist candidate

**PARIS (AP)**—Beating a politically weakened ex-prime minister proved easy for Benoit Hamon, who will represent France's ruling Socialist Party in the country's presidential election. Far harder will be convincing voters that his hard-left platform isn't the recipe for ruin his critics claim.

Hamon's comfortable victory Sunday in a Socialist primary runoff against Manuel Valls owed much to his radical proposal to give all French adults a regular monthly income to protect them in an automated future where machines will take their jobs.

Hamon's winning margin—nearly 59 percent of the votes in the three-quarters of polling stations tallied—also appeared as a resounding rejection of unpopular outgoing President Francois Hollande and Valls, his prime minister for more than two years.

But the path forward for Hamon is littered with obstacles.

First, he will have to unite the Socialists behind him, which could be heavy lifting. Divisions are deep between the party's hard-left wing, which consistently criticized Hollande and Valls policies, and the advocates of more center-left views.

Another major challenge for Hamon will be negotiating with fiery far-left leader and fellow presidential candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon, who is trying to attract votes from disappointed Socialists. Hamon is proposing a coalition with Melenchon that might have a better chance of winning the general election.

Hamon will also face tough competition from outspoken centrist Emmanuel Macron, who has found increasing popularity with his pro-business views.

Such are the left's divisions that some Valls supporters may now shift to Macron's independent run for the presidency.

The outcome of the two-round vote in April and May looks increasingly uncertain.

Leading conservative candidate Francois Fillon, who also is a former prime minister, was rocked in the past week by allegations that his wife, Penelope, held a fake but handsomely paid job as a parliamentary aide. Financial prosecutors are investigating.

At a campaign rally in Paris on Sunday—where a boisterous crowd gave Penelope Fillon a standing ovation and chanted her name, Fillon said, "We have nothing to hide."

ack as a terrorist act, which came amid heightened tensions worldwide over U.S. President Donald Trump's travel ban on certain Muslim

countries.

"We condemn this terrorist attack on Muslims in a centre of worship and refuge," Trudeau said in a statement. "It is heart-wrenching to see such senseless violence. Diversity is our strength, and religious tolerance is a value that we, as Canadians, hold dear."

"Muslim-Canadians are an important part of our national fabric, and these senseless acts

have no place in our communities, cities and country," he said. "Canadian law enforcement agencies will protect the rights of all Canadians, and will make every effort to apprehend the perpetrators of this act and all acts of intolerance."

Quebec City police spokesman Constable Pierre Poirier said two suspects were arrested. Police said the mosque

had been evacuated and things were under control.

Trudeau said on Twitter that he spoke to Quebec's premier and was being briefed by officials. The prime minister said the government had offered "any & all assistance needed."

Trudeau had earlier reacted to Trump's visa ban for people from certain Muslim-majority countries by tweeting Saturday: "To those flee-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Ethiopia faces new drought, seeks urgent aid for 5 million

**WARDER, Ethiopia (AP)**—The carcasses of goats and sheep litter the ground near the airstrip in this remote eastern region of Ethiopia, which is struggling to counter a new drought that authorities say has left 5.6 million people in urgent need of assistance. U.N. humanitarian chief Stephen O'Brien visited a local camp for displaced persons on Saturday, saying that "these people are really struggling to survive." He cautioned, however, against "dramatizing by saying this may degenerate into famine." Last year's drought, exacerbated by the El Nino climate phenomenon that affected seasonal rains, left 10.2 million people hungry and killed several hundred thousand of the animals that the local pastoralists depend on for their livelihood. Sarah Aliso came to the Garlogube displaced persons camp from a village 70 kilometers (43 miles) away three weeks after

all 50 of her family's cattle perished. "I have nothing to eat, so I came here with my 40-day-old baby. All of us are hungry and are praying for the rains to come soon," she said, cleaning her child's face.

#### Nigerian gunmen attack convoy on northeast highway, 7 killed

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)**—Gunmen believed to be Nigeria's Boko Haram Islamic extremists attacked a convoy of motorists along a recently secured highway, killing at least seven people and injuring many others, including soldiers in a military escort, witnesses said. The Maiduguri-Biu highway has been one of the most dangerous routes in northeastern Nigeria for three years because of Boko Haram attacks. The Nigeria military recaptured it last year and declared it safe, but the military escorts motorists moving in convoy along the road. Eyewitness, Dauda Pambe, said he was

among the travelers guarded by soldiers when gunmen launched the ambush attack on Saturday. "We were somewhere between Bulabulin and Dogonwaya villages when the Boko Haram gunmen opened fire on the vehicles ahead of us in the convoy," said Pambe. "The first vehicle was hit on the tire and the driver could not proceed so the passengers alighted and fled into the bush. The second vehicle was a pickup van carrying many passengers, and many of them could not escape."

#### Fake leopard skins used in South Africa to save live cats

**EBUHLINI, South Africa (AP)**—At least 1,200 men in ceremonial attire danced at a mainly Zulu gathering in South Africa on Sunday, wearing a mix of hides of illegally hunted leopards and Chinese-made, spotted capes designed by conservationists to reduce demand for the real thing. The phalanxes of dancers with shields, headgear of

ostrich feathers and other regalia on Sunday evoked the proud traditions of one of South Africa's main ethnic groups, as well as the piety of the participants, whose Shembe religious movement blends Christian and indigenous beliefs. The event in Ebuhljeni, north of the coastal city of Durban, also testified to an openness to change because roughly half the men were wearing fake leopard skins rather than genuine pelts, symbols of power because of the predator's grace and lethality. In fact, leopards are vulnerable on a continent with a rapidly growing human population, their numbers diminished by habitat loss, illegal hunting for their skins and other factors. "It's like abusing the animals if they're hunted to get the real skin," said 67-year-old Msofeni Manqele, who collected a manufactured copy of a leopard hide from a Shembe distribution office, which had in turn received a batch of fake pelts from the Panthera conservation group.

## Focus

**L**OS ANGELES (AP)—A woman traveling to Indiana to care for her cancer-stricken mother, a family physician who has lived in the U.S. for two decades, and a Minneapolis woman about to become a U.S. citizen were among those caught in the net cast by President Donald Trump when he banned travelers from entering the country from Muslim-majority nations.

Here are their stories:

Sahar Algonaimi, a 58-year-old Syrian woman coming to the U.S. to care for her cancer-stricken mother was put on a plane Saturday and sent back to Saudi Arabia hours after arriving at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

When her 76-year-old mother became ill, Algonaimi's sister, Nour Ulayyet, asked her to come to their home in Valparaiso, Indiana, to help take care of her. Their mother underwent a mastectomy Friday.

Algonaimi had visited just last year and still had a U.S. visa good until June 2018.

After texting to say her plane had touched down, she never arrived at the gate. A man identifying himself as an immigration officer eventually called Ulayyet to say her sister was being put aboard a flight back to Saudi Arabia, where she teaches school.

"I asked if I could speak to a supervisor," Ulayyet said. "He was very nice, very sympathetic, but he said, 'Literally for me to help I'm going to be breaking the law and I'm not going to break the law.'"

Before Algonaimi left officials had her sign paperwork that she told her sister she didn't understand. It canceled her visa.

"I really can't put it in words how much sadness I feel and the sense of injustice we feel," Ulayyet said Sunday as she choked up.

Dr. Sarwa Aldoori, a family physician from Bakersfield, California, was returning home Saturday from an eight-day religious pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia when she was startled to be pulled aside from the rest of her group.

"Everything was OK until I got to the customs checking point and my colleagues and friends went through and the guy looked at my passport and eyed me and he said step aside," Aldoori said Sunday, her voice shaking as she tearfully described the ordeal.

She was released and reunited with her husband after nine hours.

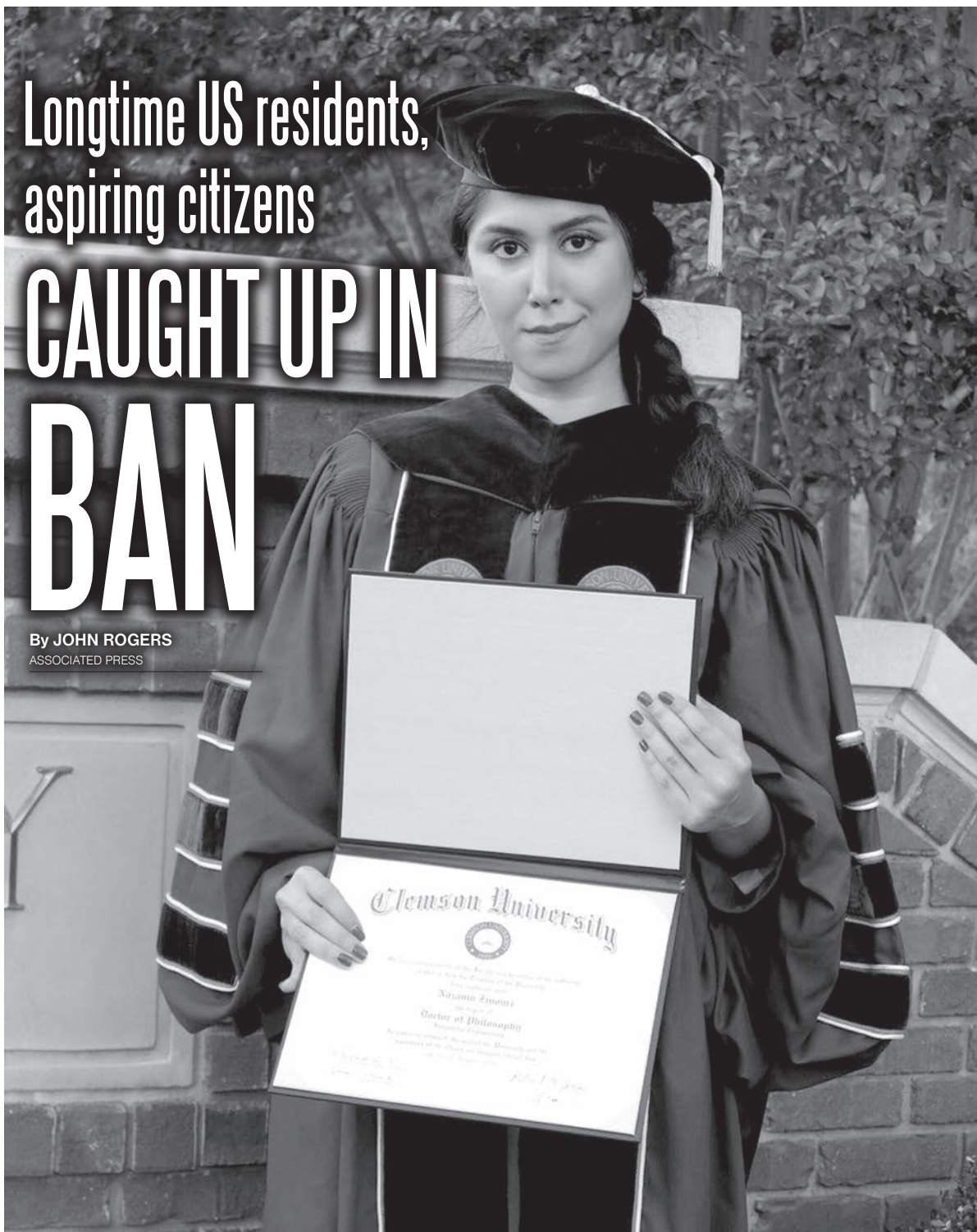
Aldoori, a legal permanent resident of the U.S., said she made a similar pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia last year—"a very special visit in the life of every Muslim"—without incident.

As she cried and asked to know why she couldn't leave the airport this time,

Longtime US residents,  
aspiring citizens

CAUGHT UP IN  
BAN

By JOHN ROGERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS



In an undated photo provided by Parastoo Amiri, Nazanin Zinouri poses for a photo with her PHD degree from Clemson University. Zinouri has a visa and has lived in the U.S. since August 2010. On Jan. 20, 2017, Zinouri flew to Iran, expecting to have three weeks of family time with her mother, brother and sister. Instead, she was barely in Tehran before she began trying to get home to South Carolina.

the doctor, who has lived in the United States since 1996, said an officer finally told her, "It's because you were born in Iraq."

"I looked at him and I said, 'You

know, I am 62 years old. What did I do wrong?' He didn't say anything, he just looked at the floor and said have a seat."

Although angry and shaken, she said she still plans to become a U.S. citizen someday.

"I'm not going to let something like that stop me," she said defiantly. "We used to have decent people in government and now we don't."

Fateme Farmad was returning from Iran to her Minneapolis home with her 11-month-old son when she was detained and questioned for more than

national Airport.

Farmad and her family had traveled to Iran last month to visit relatives. Her husband, Masoud Samet, returned to the U.S. for work on Jan. 6 while she and other family members stayed for a wedding.

When the group returned Saturday, her brother, a U.S. citizen, was immediately allowed back in. She, her son and her mother were detained.

"They are OK, but they are very tired and the situation was unexpected and very horrible," said her husband.

Attorneys who filed legal action demanding Farmad's release accused officials at the airport of attempting to coerce her into signing papers relinquishing her permanent resident status.

Farmad, who has lived in the United States for five years, is scheduled to take her oath of citizenship on Feb. 13.

Nazanin Zinouri had only been in Iran a couple of days for a family visit when she began to hear rumors that

citizens of Muslim-majority nations would be banned from returning to the United States.

The U.S. resident of nearly seven years tried to return home immediately but flights were delayed in Tehran by heavy snow. She'd only gotten as far as Dubai when the ban went into effect and authorities refused to let her board a plane to the United States.

She said by phone Sunday she's been spending her time following the news and worrying about her rescue dog, Dexter, her home, her car and her job. She works for a technology firm in South Carolina.

"What's going to happen to my dog? My dog is sick. Is anyone going to adopt him?" she asked. "Am I going to lose my job forever?"

Zinouri, 29, has a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and a Ph.D. from Clemson University.

She had gone to Iran to see her mother, brother and sister.

Abdollah Mostafavi was traveling to San Francisco for hip replacement surgery when the 80-year-old green-card holder was suddenly stopped at San Francisco International Airport.

Mostafavi, who has relatives in Canada and the U.S., splits his time between those countries and his native Iran.

When he was finally released after six hours Saturday his 8-year-old grandson ran to hug him as his 46-year-old daughter fought back tears.

"I'm worried sick," his daughter, Mozghan Mostafavi, had told the AP as she waited at the airport for him. "I don't know any Iranians who have been in a terrorist attack. It's so dehumanizing. It's so insulting. I grew up during the Revolution in Iran and I feel that same suffocation. It's hard to breathe."

She said Sunday her father told her he'd been held for hours in a room with about 15 other Iranians.

"He said it seemed they had the order to detain them but had no idea what to do next," she said.

An Iraqi immigrant couple who arrived in Maine with two daughters just days before citizens of Muslim-majority nations were banned from entering the country are awaiting word on the fate of their oldest daughter, who didn't get out in time.

Labeled Alalhanfy, his wife, Soso, and their 13- and 19-year-old daughters arrived in the United States from Baghdad on Tuesday.

Their 20-year-old daughter, Bananh, a student at the American University in Iraq, had planned to join them shortly.

"She is now very anxious and scared," said Alalhanfy.

He described his family as secular Muslims, which puts his daughter at some risk of remaining in Iraq without her family.

"The neighbors will start to notice. People will start questioning, especially because she is female. It is a critical situation," Alalhanfy said Saturday in an interview with the Portland Press Herald (<http://bit.ly/2k5RGhO>).



Abdollah Mostafavi, center, arriving from Tehran, Iran, is met by his family including son-in-law Nasser Sorkhavi, left, daughter Mozghan Mostafavi, second from right, and grandson Kourosh Sorkhavi at San Francisco International Airport Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, in San Francisco.

12 hours at Los Angeles Inter-

## Overdrive

**AUTO REVIEW:**By **ROBERT DUFFER**  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

# Toyota Land Cruiser

## needs a full-size redesign to stay relevant

When we got to the snow tubing hill, the five tweens packed in back had a change of mind. Instead of cruising down the hill, they wanted to scale up the hill in the Toyota Land Cruiser.

The two adults were tempted too, despite the legal and ethical obstacles. Such is the temptation of driving a large SUV that rides like a truck and looks like a beast.

Delusions of conquest aside, the Land Cruiser is a jack of all trades, master of none. For a tall, wide, ungainly vehicle that only fit in our garage if we remained inside to weigh it down, it's not that roomy inside. The 10-year olds in the second row were crammed, and had they been family instead of friends their sense of personal space would have been violated. The two in the backseat didn't fare much better. The lack of roominess could be a problem for a family of six, say, on longer road trips or hauling the hockey team and gear around.

Despite its massive size, the LC is not an endangered species. The only thing endangering it is the competition. For more spacious family haulers that can trek off-road to the seasonal hunting grounds, GM's suite of full-size SUVs such as the GMC Yukon and Chevrolet Suburban are standard bearers. Add the Ford Expedition to the list, but it's overdue for a redesign.

The Land Cruiser feels more like a truck boxed in an SUV



**TNS**  
The 2017 Toyota Land Cruiser is unchanged from the refreshed 2016 model. Toyota's rugged, long-lasting full-size SUV hasn't been fully redesigned since 2008.

body. It's marketed upscale to distinguish it from the Sequoia (yes, Toyota is still making it), yet it's not in the same luxury class as the Cadillac Escalade, the Infiniti QX80, or the new Nissan Armada, which is nicer for the price of the QX80.

The only thing keeping the

Land Cruiser chugging might be history. The 2017 celebrates its 60th anniversary of cruising in the States with no changes for Toyota's longest running model. The refreshed 2016 model accounted for its best year in sales since 2008, which was the last time it was rede-

signed, yet the 3,705 units sold was a fraction of the five-figure sales of most of the competition. The Yukon, Expedition, Suburban sold in the 50,000 range. Even the aging Sequoia sold four times as much as the Land Cruiser, according to data from Goodcarbadcar.net.

While it has all the latest off-road assist systems, including downhill and hillstart assist, which maintain a speed to avoid roll backs or quick drops, as well as low range crawling over the most rugged terrain, the jack-of-all-trades finds itself in no man's land.

The LC is best as a hauler of things first, then a hauler of people. The 5.7-liter V-9 engine makes 401 pound-feet of torque, capable of towing 8,100 pounds. Toyota says 90 percent of the torque is available at just 2,200 rpm, which should make for smoother starts when yanking the trailer off the ramp, and the boat from the water, for example. The trailer towing package comes standard, and the eight-speed automatic transmission can be overridden into manual for steep descents.

Unfortunately we had nothing to haul except that secondary concern known as people. The LC is old school in that regard. The third-row seats split in half, fold down, then can be flipped outward to lie flush against either wall. There have been many seating innovations since that was new. The second row is more versatile, with 40/20/20 split seats that can recline, slide forward and back and flip forward for easy entry to the rear. The seats must be in their deepest position to tumble and not hit the 11-inch entertainment screens mounted standard on the driver and passenger seatbacks.

The old feel of the new Land Cruiser might be part of its appeal to loyalists; Land Cruisers are widely known to be one of the longest lasting vehicles on the market. That's as compelling a reason as any to keep the model alive.

Putting new features on this old dog is a trick that just doesn't add up. To stay relevant in the resurgent full-size SUV class, and to stay true to its truck-based conquering character and build off its long-lasting reputation, Toyota needs to climb that hill and redesign the LC.

## UNDER THE HOOD Car troubles? Start with tested solutions and work from there

By **BRAD BERGHOLDT**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q: I just bought a truck to replace one I loved but recently totaled after flattening a Prius that pulled out in front of me. It's a 2009 Dodge Ram with two-wheel drive and a 5.7-liter engine—almost the exact truck I had.**

**I've been working through a list of things in need of fixing and noticed this truck, compared to the old one, doesn't idle as smoothly once warmed up. It does run well at other speeds, though. I've caught it up on all the other maintenance stuff, such as plugs, filters and fluids. And I've run a couple of bottles of injector cleaner through it. It passed a smog just fine when I bought it, so I'm a little puzzled about**

**the idle being different. Any ideas? —Sal A.**

**A:** There are quite a few reasons an engine might idle rough.

I've learned that one of the first things you should do is check for any pertinent service information. If it's known that your particular vehicle is prone to certain issues, or technicians report a high rate of success with a certain procedure, I research these possibilities before plunging into other tests and procedures.

In your case, Chrysler issued a technical service bulletin just as this truck model was released for sale with a procedure to mitigate idle roughness. It's worth a look!

If your present truck was an early build for the 2009 model year, it might benefit from

a powertrain control module, or PCM, software update, which should raise the idle speed from 584 rpm to 638 rpm, likely a sweet spot for smoothness.

You should be able to confirm the fix has been made by checking the warmed-up idle speed with a scan tool or an accurate tachometer. A more sure way is to check the existing software calibration using the scan tool. This is best done by a dealer or independent shop.

Let me know how this pans out. Meanwhile, I'll start creating a checklist of possible causes and solutions if you need more help.

**Q: My 1990 Toyota truck has always run great. I've always been able to count on her to turn over, start and get me where I need to go.**

**The other night, though, she stalled out at a stop sign. I put her in park, she turned over, but as I moved the gearshift, she stalled. That happened several times. I hated to leave her on the corner but I would like to have an idea of what might be wrong before a mechanic decides to rake me over the coals.—Marianne Chavez**

**A:** This is a shot in the dark, but we can try a few things.

It sounds like the truck starts but dies when you apply any load against the engine.

Try this: Apply a small amount of throttle as the truck starts and see if you can accelerate the engine up to perhaps 2,500 rpm in park or neutral. If it stalls out, I'm thinking there might be a fuel pump problem and a tow will be necessary. If it revs up

OK, try applying a smaller amount of throttle, perhaps 1,200 rpm, as you place the transmission in drive. If it keeps running, try driving it a bit, always keeping a small amount of extra throttle applied as you return to idle. If this helps, there's probably a fault occurring with the idle control system. If the engine bogs down or quits, I'm back to the fuel pump hunch.

It sounds like your bigger issue may be finding a repair shop you trust and like. How about recommendations from friends or social media ratings? Insist on clear explanations. Automotive Service Excellence, or ASE, technician certifications are good to see, as is Automotive Service Council membership. A second opinion is hard to get when it's a tow-in situation.

### **NUTS & BOLTS**

#### **2017 Toyota Land Cruiser at a glance**

- Vehicle type: Full-size SUV
- Base price: \$84,325
- As tested: \$84,325 (excluding \$1,195 delivery)
- MPG: 13 city, 18 highway
- Engine: 5.7-liter V-8
- Transmission: 8-speed automatic
- Parting shot: The legend needs new life.

# Life & Style

## 'Hidden Figures' shocks Screen Actors Guild Awards

By JAKE COYLE,  
AP FILM WRITER

The cast of "Hidden Figures" rocketed to the Screen Actors Guild top award at a fiery, protest-laden ceremony that was dominated by defiance over President Trump's sweeping immigration ban.

An uplifting drama about African-American mathematicians who aided NASA's 1960s space race, "Hidden Figures" was the surprise best-ensemble winner Sunday night at Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium. With the Oscar front-runner "La La Land" not nominated in the category, most expected a contest between "Moonlight" or "Manchester by the Sea."

"This story is about unity," said Taraji P. Henson, who stars alongside Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae in "Hidden Figures." "This story is about what happens when we put our differences aside and we come together as a hu-

man race. We win. Love wins. Every time."

From the first remarks by presenter Ashton Kutcher, the ceremony was peppered with speeches that argued passionately for inclusion. In a very well dressed version of the demonstrations sparked nationwide over the weekend, most award winners spoke in some way—either through personal anecdote or a call to arms—against Trump's halting of immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim nations.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who added another honor for her performance on the political satire "Veep," said she was the daughter of an immigrant who fled religious persecution in Nazi-occupied France.

"Because I love this country, I am horrified by its blemishes," said Louis-Dreyfus. "And this immigrant ban is a blemish and it is un-American."

Perhaps the most moving speech came from Mahershala Ali, who won best supporting actor for his acclaimed perfor-

mance in Barry Jenkins' coming-of-age portrait, "Moonlight." Ali said he saw lessons for today in "Moonlight," in which he plays a character who makes a difference in a shy, gay Miami boy's hard life. "We see what happens when you persecute people," Ali said. "The fold into themselves."

Ali said his relationship with his mother exemplified tolerance. The son of an ordained minister, Ali converted to Islam 17 years ago.

"We put things to the side," Ali said of their differences. "I'm able to see her. She's able to see me. We love each other. The love has grown. That stuff is minutia. It's not that important."

Ali was among the several Oscar favorites who cemented their front-runner status, including best-actress winner Emma Stone for "La La Land" and best-supporting actress winner Viola Davis for "Fences." But best actor went to Davis's co-star (and director) Denzel Washington for his performance in

the August Wilson adaptation. Most expected the award to go to Casey Affleck, apparently including Washington, himself.

"I'm a God-fearing man," he said, still shaking his head as he reached the podium. "I'm supposed to have faith, but I didn't have faith."

The most blistering speech was by David Harbour, who led the cast of Netflix's "Stranger Things"—another big surprise winner—on stage to accept best ensemble in a TV drama series. "We will hunt monsters," Harbour vowed in lengthy remarks that drew a standing ovation.

The hit Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black" won best ensemble in a comedy series for the third straight year.

"We stand up here representing a diverse group of people, representing generations of families who have sought a better life here from places like Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Ireland," said star Taylor Schilling, while a cast member

added "Brooklyn!" "And we know that it's going to be up to us and all you, probably, to keep telling stories that show what unites us is stronger than the forces that divide us."

A pair of veteran actors took other TV honors: John Lithgow for best actor in a drama series ("The Crown") and Bryan Cranston for his Lyndon Johnson portrayal in the HBO movie "All the Way." Sarah Paulson ("The People v. O.J. Simpson") and Claire Foy ("The Crown") also took home awards.

"La La Land" may have tied an Oscar record with 14 nominations, set a Golden Globes record with seven wins and won the top prize at Saturday's Producers Guild Awards, but it wasn't competing for the top Screen Actors Guild award. That means if Damien Chazelle's musical is to go on to win best picture, it will be just the second film to do so without a SAG ensemble nod in the category's history. Only Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" managed it in 1996.

**'A Dog's Purpose' opens to \$18.4M amid controversy**

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Opening in theaters amid controversy over animal treatment on set and calls for a boycott, "A Dog's Purpose" still managed to earn \$18.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Tracking expectations had pegged the family film to open in the mid \$20-million range, but it had a healthy debut nonetheless for a movie that cost only \$22 million to produce.

Representatives of Universal Pictures, which distributed the Amblin-produced film starring Dennis Quaid, say the opening was in line with their hopes.

Audiences gave the film an "A" CinemaScore, indicating that word of mouth should be positive going forward.

"It's a great start for what I think is going to be a long-term playout on the title," said Nick Carpou, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

First place at the box office went again to M. Night Shyamalan's multiple personality thriller "Split." It grossed \$26.3 million in its second weekend in theaters—a relatively minuscule 34 percent drop from its first weekend, which is nearly unheard of for a horror thriller.

Rounding out the top five were "Hidden Figures" in third with \$14 million, new opener "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter" in fourth with \$13.9 million, and "La La Land" in fifth place with \$12.1 million.

Damien Chazelle's candy colored musical crossed the \$100 million mark domestically after earning 14 Oscar nominations that helped fuel its earnings.



### MISS UNIVERSE

Miss Universe contestants blow kisses to the media as they pose on the red carpet on the eve of their coronation Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, at the Mall of Asia in suburban Pasay city south of Manila, Philippines. Eighty-six contestants are vying for the title to succeed Pia Wurtzbach from the Philippines. From left, Brenda Jimenez of Puerto Rico, Valeria Piazza of Peru, Christina Waage of Norway, Ida Ovar of Sweden, Isabella Krzan of Poland. American comedian and pageant host Steve Harvey opened the show with a pledge to announce the right winner after he wrongly named Miss Colombia as the winner more than a year ago when the contest was held in Las Vegas. A smiling Wurtzbach, who was called to the stage to give her farewell remarks as the outgoing winner, thanked him for making her the most popular Miss Universe. Harvey, laughing, thanked her for making him the most famous Miss Universe emcee ever.

AP

## Kodak celebrates Academy Award nominations for film movies

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—Kodak says some of Hollywood is still hanging on to film, pointing to 29 Academy Award nominations for movies captured on its 35 mm and

16 mm Motion Picture Film stock as proof of its success.

Kodak says "La La Land," "Fences," "Hidden Figures," "Jackie," "Nocturnal Animals," "Loving," "Silence," "Suicide

Squad," and "Hail Caesar!" are among movies whose producers have bucked the digital cinematography trend.

Kodak is the last big supplier of motion picture film.

Competitor Fujifilm stopped its production in 2013.

The Rochester-based photography and film pioneer began making movie film in 1896. Production was in dan-

ger of being halted until 2014, when the company reached new supply agreements with the major Hollywood studios. At the time, it had seen sales fall 96 percent since 2006.

1. "Split," \$26.3 million (\$14.8 million international).
2. "A Dog's Purpose," \$18.4 million (\$3.7 million international).
3. "Hidden Figures," \$14 million (\$1.5 million international).
4. "Resident Evil: The Final Chapter," \$13.9 million (\$28.3 million international).
5. "La La Land," \$12.1 million (\$23.5 million international).
6. "XXX: The Return of Xander Cage," \$8.3 million (\$24 million international).
7. "Sing," \$6.2 million (\$23.3 million international).
8. "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," \$5.1 million (\$3.8 million international).
9. "Monster Trucks," \$4.1 million (\$2.6 million international).
10. "Gold," \$3.5 million.

# Lily Tomlin accepts SAG Life Achievement Award with humor

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Lily Tomlin offered advice to young actors and a hearty dose of humor as she accepted the Screen Actors Guild's Life Achievement Award.

"Don't leave the house when you're drunk," she said to riotous laughter from her fellow actors at the Shrine Auditorium.

"Don't be anxious about missing an opportunity," she continued. "Behind every failure is an opportunity someone wishes they had missed."

Dolly Parton presented Tomlin with the statuette, which features the classic drama masks of comedy and tragedy. As Tomlin ac-

cepted it, she turned the trophy so that the sad face was pointed toward the audience.

"Live your life so that when you are being honored for your achievements, the people called upon to make laudatory remarks can feel reasonably honest about their comments," she said. "Otherwise, in these times, all their words or phrases might be perceived as alternative facts—or worse yet, fake news."

Though a clip package from throughout Tomlin's five decades in television and film, she said, "Ironically this award makes you feel not that you've done so much, but



Lily Tomlin poses in the press room with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 23rd annual Screen Actors Guild Awards at the Shrine Auditorium & Expo Hall on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, in Los Angeles. AP

more than you wish you had done so much more to receive an honor like this."

Asked what she knows now that would have benefited her at the outset of her career, Tomlin said, "I wish I'd known to just be more myself instead of trying to stretch my face, my voice, everything into a character."

She said that she always knew to use sunscreen, though, even as a youngster, because she used to read her mother's beauty magazines.

"I think using sunscreen is good advice for men and women, not just women," Tomlin said. "I don't want to make that a women's issue."

## Hugo Chavez returns to life in TV show criticized by allies

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**—The revolution will now be televised.

The life of Hugo Chavez, who mesmerized Venezuela's impoverished masses before dying of cancer in 2013, is being dramatized in a Spanish-language TV series that is generating a backlash even before it airs.

Produced by Sony Pictures Television, "El Comandante" premieres this week throughout Latin America and in the spring will be broadcast in the U.S. by the Telemundo network.

Conceived by a staunch Chavez critic, the 60-episode series aims to retell the leftist leader's improbable rise to power from his roots in poor, rural Venezuela while showing how the former tank commander's authoritarianism laid the groundwork for the country's current economic mess.

Former Venezuelan planning minister Moises Naim said he came up with the



In this Jan. 25, 2017 photo, Colombia's actor Andres Parra plays the role of Venezuela's former President Hugo Chavez during the filming of "El Comandante" in Bogota, Colombia. AP

idea after spending years trying to explain Chavez's hold over Venezuelans to friends in Washington, where he now lives.

"There are two things nobody can dispute regardless of ideology: The first is that Chavez was an extraordinarily charismatic politician who seduced people all over the world, and the other is that

Venezuela today has been destroyed by a major crisis," said Naim. "It's very hard to argue the current tragedy has nothing to do with Hugo Chavez."

Many of Chavez's achievements and failures during 14 years in power are already well-known. It would be hard to find a world leader who spent more time in front of the camera, making his

presidency something of a performance.

Venezuelan co-director Henry Rivero said that to make the series more entertaining and less like a documentary it was necessary to speculate about what happened when the cameras weren't rolling.

At the Bogota studio where the series is being filmed, Colombian actor Andres Parra, playing Chavez, lit a cigarette and leaned over to an aide to confide his plans for a constitutional referendum that would let him run for re-election indefinitely.

"We're talking about changing everything, going from capitalism to socialism," says the fictional Chavez, who was never seen smoking in public.

To be sure, this non-sanctioned retelling of Chavez's life has drawn fire.

In a state of the nation speech this month, President Nicolas Maduro denounced the series as imperialist "trash." Chavez's ex-wife has threatened legal ac-

tion against Sony.

Diosdado Cabello, leader of the ruling socialist party, has said that casting Parra, who previously played cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar, to depict Chavez is part of a right-wing, foreign-backed effort to tarnish the leader's image.

"They attacked him when he was alive and now he's not physically with us," Cabello said last week, urging government supporters to erect signs on buildings and in work places that read: "Here we don't talk bad of Chavez."

Venezuela's divisive politics aside, playing such a complex individual so fresh in people's memory is a dream, said Parra.

Before filming, the actor spends two hours getting fitted with a curly-haired wig, prosthetic double chin and skin-darkening makeup. He has worked with a voice coach for more than a year, spending hundreds of hours watching Chavez's marathon speeches on YouTube to mimic his high-pitched laugh and use of

his left hand.

"The charisma Chavez had isn't something you can learn," said Parra, who greets visitors to the set with a wide smile and hand raised high in the style of the late populist leader.

The show won't be broadcast in Venezuela. That saddens Rivero, who said he thinks his compatriots could benefit from another look at recent history. He said when the project began he spent days in tears remembering the revolution's painful milestones, like the protests that preceded a 2002 coup attempt.

That so many Chavez allies have dismissed the series without seeing it shows how insecure they are about his legacy, Parra said.

"Maybe it's because they know the truth," he said. "Or maybe it's because through a TV series we have shown blemishes, or recreated situations, in which the image of the human being Hugo Chavez they wanted to construct doesn't stand so tall."

## Deserted sister doubly angry after brother abandons wife

**DEAR ABBY:** When my children were small, my husband left me. He married the other woman the day after our divorce was final. It was the worst thing that has ever happened to me, and I suffered greatly in the years that followed.

Recently my brother did the same thing to his wife of many years. I find myself feeling very angry and hurt that he would do this. He said it was wrong when it happened to me, but now he expects me to support his decision to abandon his wife. He also expects me to befriend his new wife.

I can't help but identify with his ex. My heart goes out to her, and I'm furious with my brother and his new wife. Am I wrong for feeling this way? Must my loyalty to my family override my principles?

LOYAL TO A POINT IN MISSISSIPPI

**DEAR LOYAL:** That you would identify strongly with your former sister-in-law isn't wrong; it is normal under the circumstances. Not knowing how close your relationship is with your brother, I can't decide for you whether blood is thicker than water. But I can certainly understand your distaste at the idea of befriending the woman he cheated with.

Whichever you decide to do, continue to be kind to your ex-SIL. She needs all the emotional support she can get now that your brother is cozily ensconced in his new love nest.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been carpooling with another mom for about a year. I pick her kids up from the bus stop and take them home. We help each other out, but I do most of the carpooling because of "Kathy's" work schedule.

Because my daughter "Chris" turned 16, she will be driving to school once the weather improves. I told Kathy we have to discuss the carpool situation. By law, Chris will be allowed to have only one non-family member in the car. She cannot take Kathy's daughter to and from school because Chris will be taking her best friend.

I feel terrible about it. I am a rule follower and don't want to put my daughter in an illegal situation. I believe I have given Kathy plenty of time to figure another way home for her daughter. I'm not sure why I feel so bad and am losing sleep over this. Am I wrong?

CARPOOLING IN OHIO

**DEAR CARPOOLING:** You have been a good friend to Kathy, but her daughter is her responsibility, not yours. You are making Kathy's problem your problem, and that IS wrong. Now turn over, go back to sleep and let her solve it.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I've often wondered what happens to people with an immediate problem that you are unable to answer in print in a timely manner. For example, a bride with an upcom-

## DEAR ABBY

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ing wedding, or someone trying to decide where to spend Thanksgiving or Christmas. Do you write them outside of your column?

XJUST WONDERING IN HARRISBURG, PA.

**DEAR JUST WONDERING:** Yes. Time-sensitive questions are often dealt with separately, apart from my column.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



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**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**—So here was Roger Federer, down a break in the fifth set in a Grand Slam final. Across the net was his nemesis, Rafael Nadal, the left-handed Spaniard he hadn't been able to beat in a major final in almost a decade.

The 35-year-old father of four was back in his first tour-level tournament after six months off letting his injured left knee recover, and he hadn't won any of the big four events in tennis since Wimbledon 2012. Nadal was returning from injury, too, and somehow the pair had renewed the Roger-Rafa rivalry in a throwback Australian Open final that transcended sport.

At that moment, an 18th Grand Slam title didn't feature in Federer's thinking.

Don't play the player, he reminded himself, just play the ball. Attack the serve.

With that, Federer recovered the break, and seized momentum in a roll of winning 10 consecutive points that helped propel him to a 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 win late Sunday night. His fifth Australian title extended his buffer to four atop the list of all-time Grand Slam champions. Nadal remained tied with Pete Sampras in second place with 14.

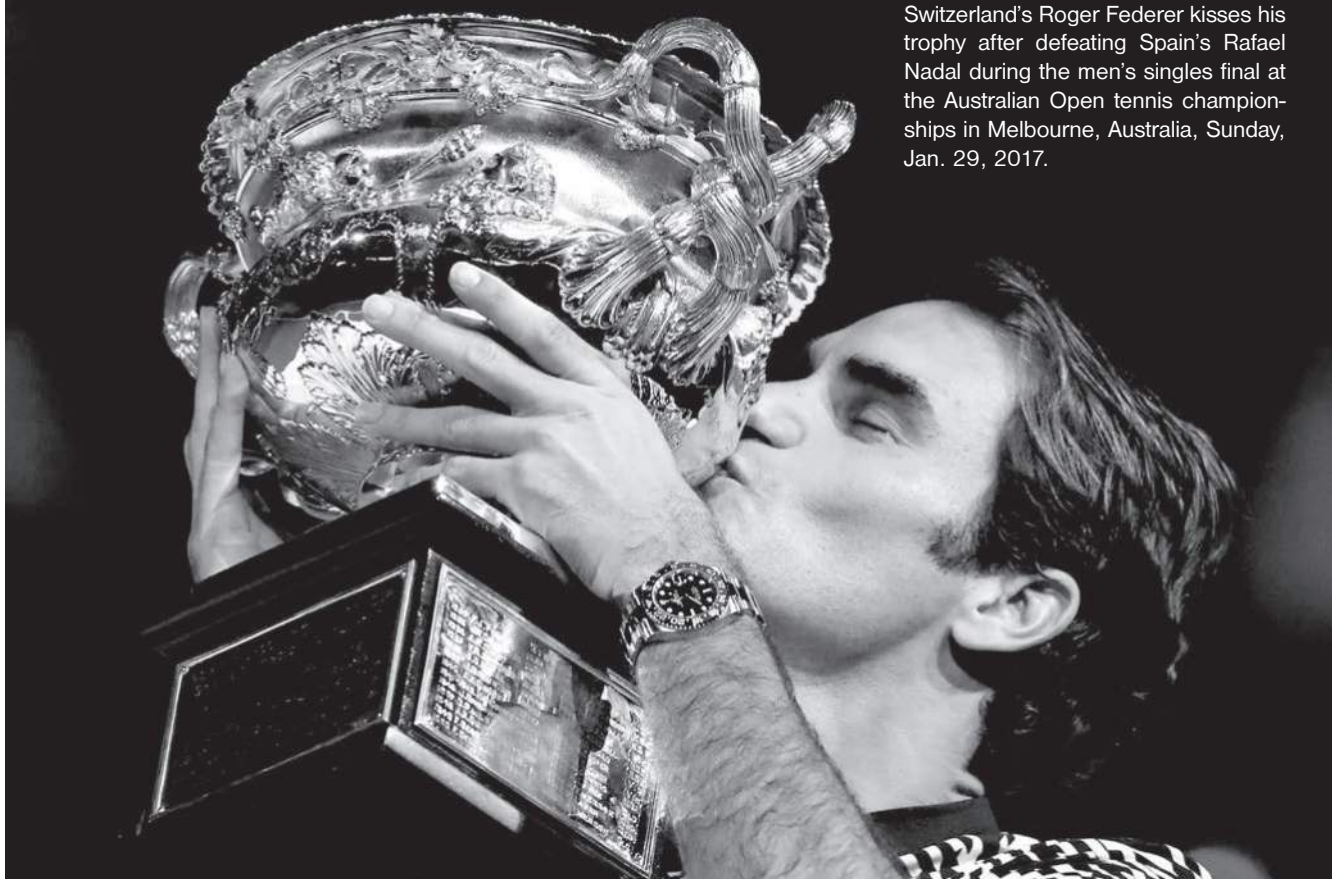
"For me it's all about the comeback, about an epic match with Rafa again," Federer said, "... that I can still do it at my age after not having won a slam for almost five years.

"That's what I see. The last problem is the slam count—honestly, it doesn't matter."

Federer had lost six of the previous eight Grand Slam finals he'd played against Nadal and was 11-23 in their career meetings. His last win over Nadal in a major final was at Wimbledon in 2007.

"It remains for me the ultimate challenge to play against him," Federer said. "It's super

# Federer beats Nadal in epic Aussie final to win 18th major



AP  
Switzerland's Roger Federer kisses his trophy after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal during the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017.

sweet, because I haven't beaten him in a Grand Slam final for a long time now.

"This one means a lot to me because he's caused me problems over the years."

With big wins come big celebrations, Federer said. "We're going to party like rock stars tonight."

By winning in Melbourne, where he first played in 2000 and where he kicked off his long reign at No. 1 with the title in 2004, he became the oldest man since Ken Rosewall in 1972 to win a slam.

Federer had lost five semifinals in Australia since winning his previous title here

in 2010. He'd lost three major finals since winning that last Grand Slam in 2012. He hadn't played Nadal in a major final since losing at the French Open in '11.

After twice rallying from a set down, Nadal was a break up in the fifth but couldn't hang on to become the first man in the Open era to win each of the four majors twice. Instead, Federer became the first man in the Open era to win three of Grand Slam events at least five times (7 Wimbledon titles, 5 U.S. Opens, 5 Australian Opens and 1 French Open).

"The magnitude of this

match is going to feel different. I can't compare this one with any other one except for maybe the French Open in '09," Federer said. "I waited for the French Open, I tried, I fought. I tried again and failed. Eventually I made it. This feels similar, yeah."

Three months ago, Federer and Nadal were in the Spaniard's native Mallorca for the opening of a tennis academy wondering if they'd ever be able to contend for majors again.

Yet here they were, the first Grand Slam tournament of the season, renewing the classic rivalry that saw them dominate tennis a decade ago.

The long-odds final—No. 9 against No. 17—unfolded after six-time champion Novak Djokovic was upset by No. 117-ranked Denis Istomin in the second round and top-ranked Andy Murray, a five-time losing finalist in Australia, went out in the fourth round to 50th-ranked Mischa Zverev.

Federer beat Zverev, and then U.S. Open champion Stan Wawrinka in a five-set, all-Swiss semifinal. That was the night before Nadal held off Grigor Dimitrov in an almost five-hour, five-set semifinal late Friday.

After four sets of a final where the momentum alter-

nately swung, the fifth had all the tension and drama that these two players are famous for.

Federer had a medical time out for treatment on his upper right leg and was broken in his first service game of the deciding set.

But he rallied and put Nadal under pressure. Nadal saved three break points in the eighth game but lost momentum again when Federer finished off a 26-shot rally—the longest of the match—with a forehand winner down the line.

Federer got the pivotal break for 5-3, but Nadal made him work for the very last point.

Serving for the match, and after saving two break points, Federer was called for a double-fault at deuce. He challenged the out call on his second serve, however, and it was overturned. Tempo back in his court.

After hitting a forehand crosscourt winner on his second match point, his celebrations were delayed when Nadal challenged the call.

Federer watched the replay, and leaped for joy when it showed his last shot was in—the perfect finish to his 100th match at the Australian Open.

"Congratulation to Roger ... Just amazing, the way he's playing after such a long time of him not being on the tour," Nadal said. "For sure, you have been working a lot to make that happen."

"I fight a lot these two weeks," he added. "Today, a great match, probably Roger deserved it a little bit more than me."

Federer's championship victory capped a remarkable weekend for 30-somethings—all four singles finalists were 30 or older—after 35-year-old Serena Williams beat her older sister, Venus, in the women's final to capture her Open-era record 23rd Grand Slam title.

## AFC holds on to defeat NFC 20-13 in Pro Bowl



**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)**—The Pro Bowl has long been more about showmanship than competition. Clearly, that memo missed Lorenzo Alexander.

The Buffalo Bills linebacker could have just sat on a late interception for the win, but instead opted to return the ball 20 yards and then lateralled it to Aqib Talib, who came within 13 yards of the end zone in the AFC's 20-13 win over the NFC in the NFL's all-star game Sunday night.

"I was serious about that last drive," Alexander said. "You're playing fast, playing hard, having a good time, but we wanted to win. We took it very serious."

That much was obviously on the final drive when Alexander, selected the game's defensive MVP, got tight end Jimmy Graham on a hard hit over the middle as the NFC drove the ball down field for what could have been the rallying game-winning drive. A couple of plays later, the ball went off Graham's hands and right to Alexander, sealing the game.

But even on that play, the increased competitive spirit was obvious when quarterback Kirk Cousins stuck with the play after throwing the interception and knocked the ball out of Talib's hands on a jarring hit to save the touchdown.

While many of the 60,834 had already left Camping World

Stadium, those who stuck around saw a thrilling end.

"It was fun and it was competitive," Alexander said. "It got a little chippy there late in the game, but that's part of it when you have competitive people."

In the recent past, the Pro Bowl hadn't produced a competitive environment. But perhaps the return of the traditional AFC vs. NFC matchup combined with playing in front a larger crowd than when the game was played in Hawaii, amped up the intensity just a bit.

The winners took home \$61,000, while the NFC team members settled for \$30,000.

"This game was definitely more competitive than last time I played in it. I can say

that," Talib said. "Guys played a lot harder this year."

The Pro Bowl had been played the last three years with a format in which teams were drafted among the players by designated captains.

In a first half defined by big plays and key interceptions, the AFC was able to come up with one more play to take a 14-7 lead into halftime and a 20-7 edge early in the fourth quarter.

The NFC should have had 17 points in the first half, but a decision to not a kick a chip-shot field goal and an interception in the end zone denied the squad of points during the first two quarters.

Andy Dalton's 23-yard touchdown pass to Kansas City tight end Travis Kelce, named the game's offensive MVP with three catches for

36 yards, put the AFC ahead 14-7 with 1:40 remaining in the second quarter. The touchdown was set up by a 36-yard punt return by the Chiefs' Tyreek Hill to the NFC 38.

"I thought the level of play was really good. It was really competitive," said Dalton, the Cincinnati quarterback who completed 10 of 12 passes for 100 yards and one touchdown. "It came down right to the end. You can't ask for much more than that in any football game."

It was a relatively low-scoring game that was defined by big defensive stops, which included a goal-line stand when Zach Brown stuffed Dallas rookie running back Ezekiel Elliott at the 1-yard line in the first quarter.

The play seemed to set the tone as both defenses gave up little against the run and put

pressure on all of the quarterbacks, which has not always been the case in the Pro Bowl.

"We were having fun, but we were definitely out there competing, definitely playing to win," said Cousins, who led the NFC on the two fourth-quarter drives that ended with field goals but could not get the ball into the end zone. "Everybody was giving their all on both sides of the ball at the end. It made for an exciting finish."

New Orleans' Drew Brees completed 10 of 19 passes for 112 yards and one touchdown to Seattle's Doug Baldwin to lead the NFC. Kansas City's Alex Smith, the starter for the AFC, completed six of eight passes for 74 yards, including a 26-yard TD toss to Tennessee's Delanie Walker early in the second quarter.

# Millsap, Hawks outlast Anthony, Knicks in 4 OTs



**ATLANTA (AP)**—Paul Millsap made the decisive basket in a four-overtime game that lasted almost four hours and proclaimed it to be great fun that he never wants to experience again.

Millsap had a season-high 37 points, including the go-ahead layup with 27 seconds remaining in the fourth OT, and the Atlanta Hawks overcame Carmelo Anthony's season-high 45 points to outlast the short-handed New York Knicks 142-139 on Sunday.

Millsap logged 60 minutes, which were especially taxing due to his time defending Anthony.

"There was no chance I was coming out," Millsap said.

Millsap had 19 rebounds, setting another season high, and seven assists.

"That was fun," Millsap said. "I don't want to do that again ever, but it was fun."

Asked to summarize the game, he said, "I don't even remember."

The Knicks' first four-overtime game in 66 years included five players, including Anthony and Atlanta's Dwight Howard, fouling out.

Anthony scored the tying baskets at the end of regulation and the first overtime period, before fouling out with 12.9 seconds remaining in the second overtime.

Anthony said it was "difficult" to watch the last two extra periods.

"Those are the overtimes where you've got to dig deep," Anthony said. "You're exhausted, you have to find something from somewhere. But to not be out there in that last overtime was a little difficult to watch. Especially knowing the flow of the game. That was a moment I wanted to be out there."

The Knicks also had starters Kristaps Porzingis and Joakim Noah foul out. New York still found ways to match the scoring from Millsap and Kent Bazemore, who had 24 points, including the Hawks' first eight points in the fourth overtime.

"Good thing we don't play tomorrow," said Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek.

The loss was another blow to the Knicks' hopes of moving into the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"These guys have fought all year," Hornacek said. "Things haven't gone our way but they never give up."

Courtney Lee made a 26-foot tying 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds remaining in the second OT and sank the tying free throws late in the third extra period.

The Knicks held out guard Derrick Rose, who sprained

his left ankle in Friday night's win over Charlotte.

Dennis Schroder made one of two free throws with 10.2 seconds remaining in the fourth overtime, leaving the Knicks a chance to extend the game yet again. Lee missed a last-second 3-point attempt on what he said was "a great look."

"It's draining, man, but it was fun," Lee said. "You can't hang your head about this one. We competed."

Schroder had 23 points and 15 assists for Atlanta.

Brandon Jennings had 18 points as the fill-in starter for Rose. Lee added 17.

## Cavaliers 107, Thunder 91

In Cleveland, Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, LeBron James had 25 and 14 rebounds and Cleveland played one of its better all-around games in weeks, beating Russell Westbrook and Oklahoma City.

The Cavs have won two straight after the NBA champions lost six of eight amid internal turmoil sparked by James criticizing the team's roster following a recent loss.

Westbrook finished with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his 24th triple-double, but only made 7 of 26 shots for the Thunder, who had won three straight.

Cleveland All-Star forward Kevin Love didn't play in the second half because of back spasms, and will undergo medical tests and not accompany the team on its trip to Dallas. Love has been dealing with back issues since he came to Cleveland and he missed a game this month with spasms.

## Warriors 113, Trail Blazers 111

In Portland, Oregon, Kevin Durant had 33 points and 10 rebounds as the Golden State Warriors overcame Stephen Curry's absence to hold off the Portland Trail Blazers 113-111.

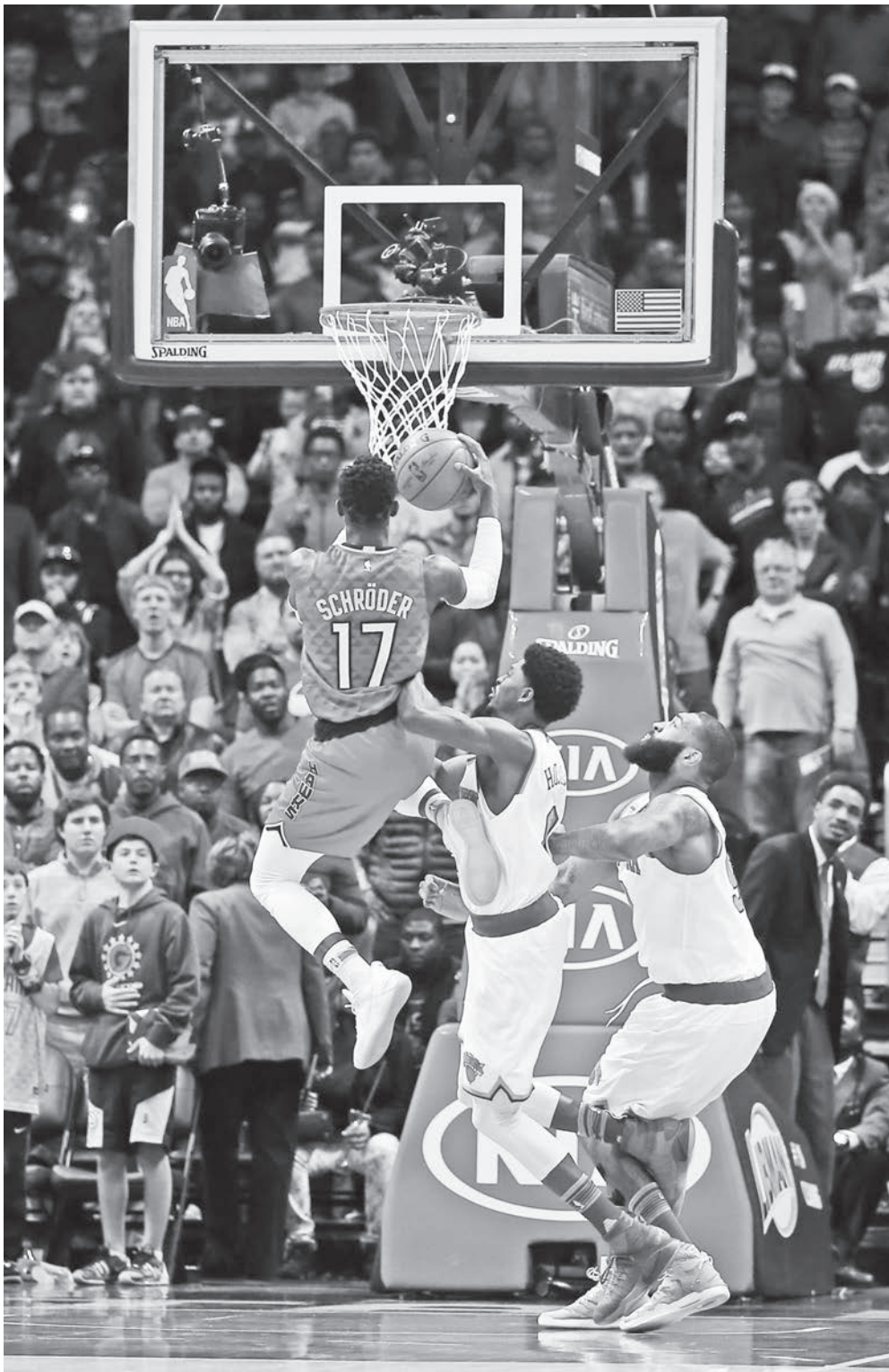
Curry didn't play because of stomach flu, missing his first game of the season. Klay Thompson added 27 points for the Warriors, who have won 10 of their last 11 games.

CJ McCollum had 25 points for Portland, which had won its last three games. Golden State swept all four games against the Blazers this season.

The Blazers trailed by 10 points to start the fourth quarter, but McCollum's 3-pointer pulled the Blazers to 90-89 with 8:22 left. Al-Farouq Aminu's driving layup tied it at 93, but Portland couldn't manage to get in front.

## Bulls 121, 76ers 108

In Chicago, Jimmy Butler scored 28 points while Robin Lopez added a season-high



Atlanta Hawks guard Dennis Schroder (17) goes up for the shot to tie the game late in the third overtime of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, in Atlanta. **AP**

## Warriors coach derides Trump administration's travel ban

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)**—Warriors coach Steve Kerr expressed dismay over President Donald Trump's executive order that bans citizens of seven majority Muslim countries from entering the United States.

Kerr spoke about the administration's travel ban following a 113-111 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night, calling it a "horrible idea."

"As someone whose family member was a victim of terrorism, having lost my father, if we're trying to combat terrorism by banish-

ing people from coming to this country, by really going against the principals of what our country's about and creating fear, it's the wrong way to go about it," Kerr said. "If anything, we could be breeding anger and terror."

"I think it's shocking. I think it's a horrible idea. I feel for all the people who are affected. Families are being torn apart and I worry in the big picture what this means to the security of the world."

Malcolm Kerr was murdered while he was the American University presi-

dent in Beirut when Steve Kerr was 18 and a freshman at the University of Arizona.

Kerr has been outspoken on matters including gun control. He also expressed his disappointment when Trump was elected, likening his campaign to The Jerry Springer Show.

The White House on Sunday defended Trump's immigration restrictions as protests spread throughout the country. The executive order also suspends refugee admissions for 120 days and indefinitely bars the processing of refugees from Syria.

21 points and had 10 rebounds to help Chicago beat Philadelphia.

After a week of tension, the Bulls bounced back from consecutive home losses to Atlanta and Miami despite blowing a 20-point lead.

Butler and Dwyane Wade

returned to the starting lineup after being benched as starters Friday night in a blowout loss to the Heat. Wade and Butler were critical of teammates after they blew a late double-digit lead in a loss to the Hawks on Wednesday.

Rajon Rondo responded to his

teammates' criticism on an Instagram post on Thursday, taking multiple shots at the team leadership.

Ersan Ilyasova scored a season-high 31 points for Philadelphia, and Robert Covington added 21 points and a season-high 12 rebounds.

## Mavericks 105, Spurs 101

In San Antonio, Seth Curry scored 24 points as Dallas snapped a 12-game losing streak in San Antonio.

Kawhi Leonard had 24 points for San Antonio, which lost consecutive games for just the second time this season.

Dallas escaped a turnover with 25 seconds left when officials ruled Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle called a timeout before Danny Green tipped the ball away from Curry. The Mavericks finished with seven turnovers, the lowest by a Spurs opponent this season.

## Pacers 120, Rockets 101

In Indianapolis, Paul George had 33 points and nine rebounds while hounding James Harden on defense most of the night, leading Indiana past Houston for its third straight victory.

Clearly, Harden was not himself on the last leg of a five-game trip. He was 3 of 17 from the field, 2 of 10 on 3-pointers, had eight turnovers and 15 points. He also had five rebounds and eight assists.

Ryan Anderson led the Rockets with 27 points.

## Magic 114, Raptors 113

In Toronto, Nikola Vucevic had 25 points and 10 rebounds, D.J. Augustin added 21 points off the bench to help Orlando beat Toronto.

Vucevic, who also had five assists, keyed a late-second quarter surge that saw the Magic close the first half on a 21-2 run to take the lead for good in snapping a three-game losing streak.

Kyle Lowry led the Raptors with 33 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Fellow All-Star DeMar DeRozan, Toronto's leading scorer, returned to the lineup after missing three games with a sprained right ankle and had 22 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Toronto is 1-6 in its last seven.

## Wizards 107, Pelicans 94

In New Orleans, John Wall had 18 points and 19 assists and Bradley Beal scored 27 points as Washington beat New Orleans to extend its winning streak to four.

Marcin Gortat had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Markieff Morris added 21 points for the Wizards. They briefly squandered a 17-point halftime lead, but regained control for good with a pivotal 8-0 run in the middle of the third quarter highlighted by 3s by Beal and Morris.

Anthony Davis had 36 points, 17 rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots for the Pelicans. Jrue Holiday had 26 points and 11 assists.

# Ol'Aces 1 remains in playoff contention

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The Ol'Aces 1 is still in the playoff race in the boys U25 division of the 2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament following a 62-54 win over the Rollers 2 last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces 1 now has a 2-2 record for a tie for third to fourth place with Vibes and behind Rollers 1 (3-0) and Ol'Aces 2 (3-1). The Rollers 2 fell to a 2-3 card, while Talaabwogh Star (0-4) completes the field. Only the Top 4 teams after the round-robin play will move into the playoff round.

M.J. Sakisat led the Ol'Aces 1's important victory after scoring 14 points, while Andrew Palino chipped in 12. The duo combined for 14 points in the first half to lift the Ol'Aces 1 to a 29-22 advantage. The Ol'Aces 1 never relinquished the lead after that as Sakisat and Palino also got help from their teammates.

In other results in the boys U25 division, Vibes and the Ol'Aces 2 routed Talaabwogh Star.

Vibes first met Talaabwogh Star last Wednesday with the former cruising to a



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The Ol'Aces 1's Andrew Palino pulls up for a point-blank shot against Rollers 2's Prince Factor, partly hidden, during the first quarter of their boys U25 division game in the TanHoldings holiday caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

91-43 victory. Four Vibes players scored in double figures in their demolition of Talaabwogh with Douglas Schmidt leading the way with his 18 markers.

Talaabwogh Star's woes

continued last Saturday, as the Ol'Aces 2 won in their make-up game, 63-41.

R.J. Paragados and Jeff Castro teamed up in the 22-point victory after tallying 15 and 13 points, respectively.



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Xu and Gil achieved PBTs in the same event after registering 5:36.53 (from 5:39.10) and 6:14.34 (from 6:57.95), respectively. They raced in the boys 9 to 10 age group and finished second and third behind their Tsunami Saipan teammate Isaiah Aleksenko (5:09.18).

In the girls 9 to 10, Dango's 5:22.84 was nearly 14 seconds faster than her old mark of 5:36.24. She was the lone swimmer in her division to complete the eight-lap

race under six minutes as fellow Tsunami Saipan member Shoko Litulumar and SSC's Andrei Kaith Lynn Chavez posted 6:53.56 and 7:26.13, respectively.

In the girls 11 to 12, Nanaka timed in at 5:34.77 to chop off more than five seconds from her previous PBT (5:40.46) and finish the race way ahead of teammates Asaka Litulumar (6:31.55) and Ayumi Obligacion (7:00.89). Nanaka's older sister Aika also earned a PBT in the 13 to 14 division after timing in at 5:35.36 (from 5:39.14).

Meanwhile, three swim-

mers from the fledgling Dolphin Club Saipan also joined the meet held last Dec. 21. Jyolly Diaz was the fastest among the three in the 200m freestyle event after checking in at 4:27.26, while Gemmilie Eugenio and Michael Hidalgo recorded 4:29.62 and 5:35.83, respectively.

Diaz also did the 400m freestyle race and submitted 9:44.62, while in the 100m freestyle, she timed in at 2:01.55. Eugenio broke the two-minute barrier in the 100m freestyle with her 1:57.31, while Hidalgo logged 2:17.86.

and Isa Ito, while Rogopes also redeemed himself from an earlier loss when he won the 30 to 49's 300m race. Rogopes beat Carten Aldan and Robin Sapong.

In the women's 30 to 49's 100m and 300m races, Quan had a sweep, prevailing against the same foes, including her cousin Soledad Tenorio. Tenorio was ranked third in both events, while Harumi Suzuki recorded runner-up finishes in the two races.

Completing the standup paddling races champions list were Luis Mario, who topped the boys 11 to 14's 100m sprint and Matagolai, who claimed the gold medals in the over 50's 100m and 300m events.

Meanwhile, Ponce Rasa of the organizing Napu Outrigger

Canoe Club thanked all those who made last weekend's races possible.

"Hundreds of people gathered to honor Timmy Boy's life and heroism at the Timmy Would Go 2nd Annual Memorial Paddle Classic. The two-day event brought in close to 200 paddlers if not more, and they to show their love and support for a young local hero, Timothy Salas Wesley Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice attempting to save the life of another," Rasa said in an official statement sent to *Saipan Tribune*.

"The shores filled with paddlers, young and old, new and seasoned in both outrigger and SUP races. It was truly humbling to see the amount of people who showed up on both days. Guam teams not only brought in their paddlers,

Meanwhile, in the women's division CTSI notched two wins last week, while Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Armatech also prevailed in their respective matches.

CTSI edged Sun Palace last Wednesday, 40-37, before downing IT&E (4-2) last Saturday, 44-34.

Against Sun Palace, CTSI got 14 points from Cass Camacho and 12 from Mary Kay Alferos to outclass Sun Palace (3-2). Versus IT&E, Camacho picked up where she left off, logging 16 points. She then found a new ally in Mikky Kautz, who chipped in 14 markers to lift CTSI to a 5-1 card. CTSI is assured of one of the two slots in the semifinals.

Fiesta Resort is also in the Final Four and remained undefeated in five games following a 47-21 victory over Jingle Ballers (2-4).

Chevy Kate Alipio paced Fiesta with her 14 points.

Armtech is still in playoff contention after beating QQ Rent A Car, 34-11, and improving to a 2-3 record. Armtech is in fifth place in the team standings behind Sun Palace (3-2), pending results of last night's matches. Marlene Lumabi led Armtech with her 16 points.

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good fight against Coca-Cola/Subway and even took the lead temporarily in the second quarter before collapsing in the fourth. Konstrak behind the 25 points of Ronilo Sabidal was down by only 5 at the end of the third, 53-58, but fell behind by double digits in the final canto when it was held to two field goals. Sabidal made no field goal in the payoff period and canned only two free throws.

Cabanas won his shootout against Sabidal after delivering the killer blows for Co-

## 49ers make surprise hire of John Lynch as general manager



SANTA CLARA, Calif.

(AP)—The San Francisco 49ers made a surprise hire to fill their general manager void Sunday, hiring former NFL safety and Fox television analyst John Lynch to replace Trent Baalke.

Lynch comes into the job with no front-office experience, having gone straight from the playing field to the broadcast booth. But after a lengthy search that included interviews with nine other publicly identified candidates, team CEO Jed York settled on Lynch.

ESPN first reported the deal, saying Lynch had gotten a six-year contract.

After playing for former Niners coach Bill Walsh in college at Stanford, Lynch went on to have a stellar 15-year career with Tampa Bay and Denver that included three All-Pro selections and one Super Bowl title with the Buccaneers. He's a finalist this year for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Since retiring in 2008, Lynch has been an analyst at Fox.

Now he will be tasked to rebuild a once-proud fran-

chise that has fallen from NFC champions in 2012 to a 2-14 record this past season that matched the worst in franchise history. That led to the firing of Baalke and coach Chip Kelly as York set to overhaul the operation after the struggles the past few years.

The 49ers made three straight trips to the NFC title game from 2011-13 under coach Jim Harbaugh, but got rid of him after an 8-8 season in 2014, in part because of a rift with Baalke. Jim Tomsula lasted one year as coach and then Kelly was also fired after one season, leading to this current search.

York said he was open to hiring either the coach or general manager first. He said the primary goal in the search is finding a coach and general manager who can work well together.

All signs point to Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan getting the head coach job. He had a second interview with York this weekend and is the only remaining candidate. He can't sign a contract with San Francisco until after the Falcons play the Super Bowl next Sunday against New England.

ca-Cola/Subway with his 11 markers in the final fime.

### First Game

**Joeten 88** – Quan 18, Devero 15, Lauron 15, Chariton 13, Bautista 13, Tobias 5, Rogolifoi 3, Sambile 2, Rio 2, Muna 2.

**Triple J 70** – Inos 21, Oris 19, Jarabe 10, Geli 6, Palacios 4, Gamboa 4, Obnimaga 3, Gandez 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-14, 43-27, 67-45, 88-70.

### Second Game

**Coca-Cola/Subway 77** – Cabanas 39, Armia 13, Fran-

cisco 9, Felix 9, Ilo 3, Estoque 2, Fejeran 2.

**Konstrak 59** – Sabidal 27, Bernardo 14, Poblete 8, Manalo 6, Espejo 4, Alfonso 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 27-22, 36-37, 58-53, 77-59.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	18	.617	—
Toronto	29	19	.604	½
New York	21	28	.429	9
Philadelphia	17	29	.370	11½
Brooklyn	9	38	.191	20

#### Southeast Division

Atlanta	28	20	.583	—
Washington	27	20	.574	½
Charlotte	23	25	.479	5
Orlando	19	30	.388	9½
Miami	18	30	.375	10

#### Central Division

Cleveland	32	14	.696	—
Indiana	25	22	.532	7½
Chicago	24	25	.490	9½
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	11½
Detroit	21	26	.447	11½

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

San Antonio	36	11	.766	—
Houston	35	16	.686	3
Memphis	28	21	.571	9
New Orleans	19	29	.396	17½
Dallas	17	30	.362	19

#### Northwest Division

Utah	30	19	.612	—
Oklahoma City	28	20	.583	1½
Denver	21	25	.457	7½
Portland	21	28	.429	9
Minnesota	18	29	.383	11

#### Pacific Division

Golden State	41	7	.854	—
L.A. Clippers	30	18	.625	11
Sacramento	19	28	.404	21½
Phoenix	15	32	.319	25½
L.A. Lakers	16	34	.320	26

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medals after winning in the 15 to 29 division's 100m and 300m races. In the 100m event, Andrew placed ahead of Joey Tudela and Vincent Tudela Jr., while in the longest standup paddle race of the day, the former downed Steven Goodwin and Joey Tudela.

Josh's brother Tyler gained the gold medal in the Little Timmy's 50m sprint, while their sister Kaleah occupied the center spot in the medal podium after reigning supreme in the women's 15 to 29's 100m sprint. Kaleah won over Reaven Jei Cruz and Zia Buniag.

Buniag made up for her third place finish in the 100m sprint by ruling the 300m race. She edged Galina Lalomala

# CNMI U17 vs Shonan Institute of Technology

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The CNMI's Hark Joshua Galarion, second right, battles a Shonan Institute of Technology player for the ball.



The CNMI's Mareko Tekopua is about to deflect the ball.



Shonan Institute of Technology's gives pointers to his players during the halftime break.



A Shonan Institute of Technology hands over a bottle of water to the injured Joshua De Leon, while CNMI coaching staff Jersh Angeles, left, attends to his fallen player.



The CNMI's Sunjoon Tenorio is sandwiched by two Shonan Institute of Technology defenders.



The CNMI's Carlson Cruzat keeps a close eye on a Shonan Institute of Technology player.



Shonan Institute of Technology's Jona Yoshiura is up against four CNMI players.



**Federer beats Nadal in epic Aussie final to win 18th major**

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## Family affair in standup paddling races

### Joeten, Coca-Cola/Subway roll to third win

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Coca-Cola/Subway took the Pool B lead, while Joeten remained in the upper half of the Pool A standings as the two teams cruised to their third win in the 2017 JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



Coca-Cola/Subway improved its record to a division best 3-1 following a 77-59 victory against Konstrak Builders in the second game, while Joeten earned the same mark after a similar easy win over Triple J in the curtain-raiser, 88-70.

Joeten leaned on its balance offense to stretch its streak to three after dropping its opening game (versus CUC) in the 16-team league. Sid Quan led five Joeten players who scored in twin digits with his 18 points. Ivan Devero and Alex Lauron chipped in 15 each, while Keoni Chariton and Raymond Bautista contributed 13 apiece.

Joeten took control of the

match right from the get-go with Devero anchoring the team's good start after drilling 10 markers in the first quarter. Devero was then held to 2 points in the second canto, but Joeten had no problems with that as Lauron and Bautista teamed up to fill the gap and turn a 14-23 lead to a 43-27 advantage at the break. Lauron and Bautista combined for 15 of Joeten's 20 points in the second canto.

Bautista was still on target at the start of the second half and got help from Chariton and Quan as Joeten widened the gap anew en route to the 18-point winning margin.

Perry Inos had 21 on a losing effort for Triple J, which is still winless in three games.

In the second match, Michael Cabanas had another explosive game after firing 39 markers. The Coca-Cola/Subway gunner hit shots from everywhere for a fitting follow-up on his 34-point production in their 74-39 rout of erstwhile leader Westco last Jan. 20.

Despite Cabanas' hot shooting, Konstrak put up a

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Coca-Cola/Subway's Elis Ilo, left, and Jojo Felix trap Konstrak Builders' Ronilo Sabidal during the third quarter of their game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Ponce Rasa, second left, Robin Sapong, right, and two others negotiate the 100m course in the standup paddling race last Saturday during the 2nd Annual Timmy Would Go Memorial Paddle Classic held in the waters off Kilili Beach.



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Members of the Rasa and Andrew families ruled the standup paddling races held last Saturday in the waters off Kilili Beach during the 2nd Annual Timmy Would Go Memorial Paddle Classic.

Ponce Rasa and his children Iris and Kaya, and siblings Tyler, Kaleah, and Joshua Andrew topped their respective events, joining other first place finishers Somia Quan, Noki Rogopes, Zia Buniag, and Hiromi Matagolai.

Ponce prevailed in the 30 to 49 age group's 100 sprint, beating Rogopes and John Tudela.



His youngest child Irish took the gold medal in the shorter 50m sprint in the Little Timmy girls division, while Kaya defeated Carmelito Castro in the girls 11 to 14's 100m race.

Josh handed the Andrew family two of its four gold

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## 9 Tsunami Saipan swimmers get PBTs

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Nine Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan swimmers marked personal best times during the SSC Double Distance Meet held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Ashley Dangol, Nanaka and Aika Watanabe, Hans Xu, Sean Gil, Juhn Tenorio, and Nelson Batallones got PBTs in the 400m freestyle races, while Julia Jinang and Kean Pajarillaga had the same feats in the 100m freestyle event.

The 10-year-old Pajarilla clocked in at 1:36.40 in the 100m freestyle swim to eclipse his old PBT by about two seconds (1:38.39). He also ruled the 9 to 10 age group race, defeating Saipan Swim

Club's Mark Jainier Chavez (1:37.08), Cojiro Kaga (1:59.30), and Christian Newman (2:26.21), and fellow Tsunami Saipan swim-

ers Alex Kim (1:48.77) and Miguel Bartolata



(1:53.42). Jinang also raced in the 9 to 10 age group and her 1:59.62 was more than 10 seconds better than her old record of 2:10.25.

In the 400m freestyle event, Tenorio was the fastest among the Tsunami Saipan PBT getters after clocking in at 5:10.86, which broke his previous PBT of 5:15.01. Nelson Batallones had the second best time at 5:10.97, nearly five seconds better than his old mark (5:15.89).

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Tsunami Saipan's Juhn Tenorio breathes during the 400m freestyle race in the SSC Double Distance Meet held last Jan. 21 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.